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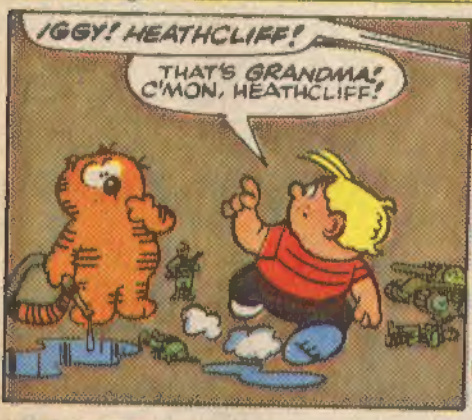

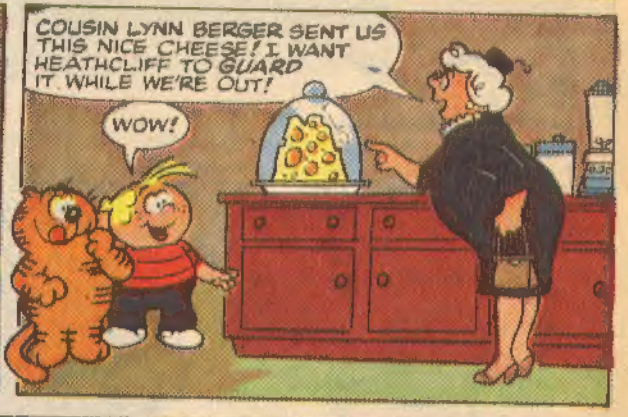

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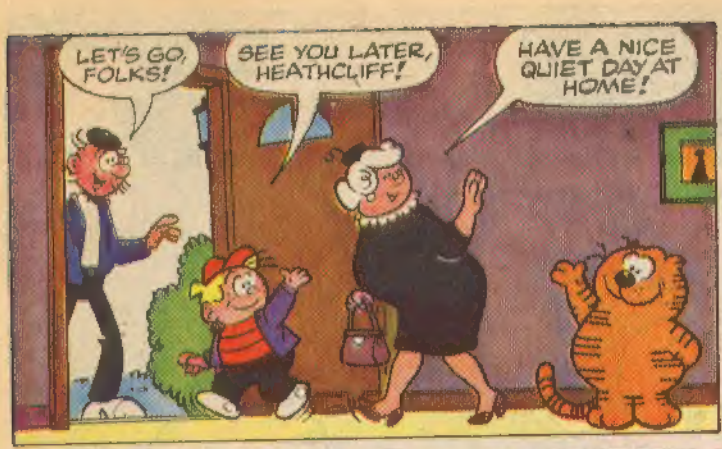
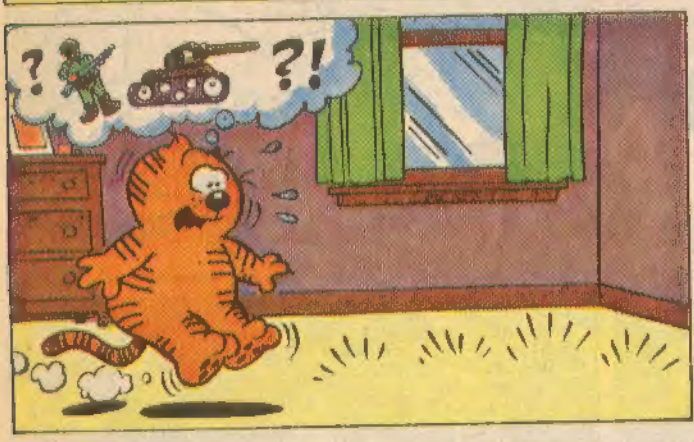

LET'S GO, FOLKS!
SEE YOU LATER, HEATHCLIFF!
HAVE A NICE QUIET DAY AT HOME!

SLAM!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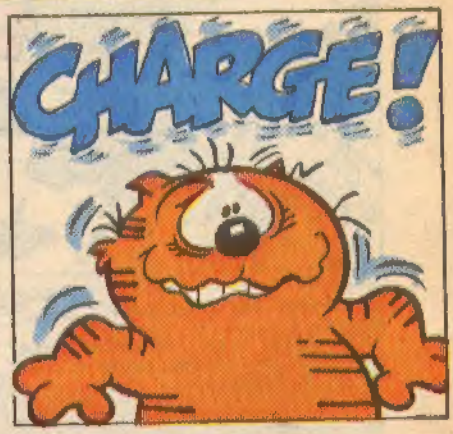
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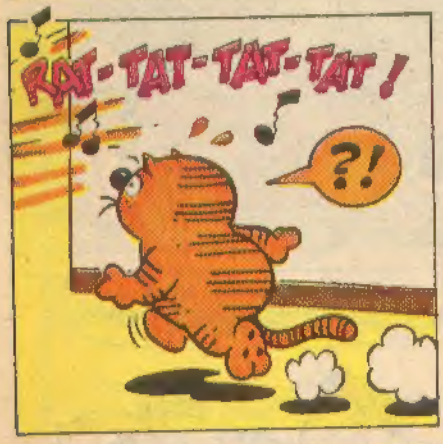
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
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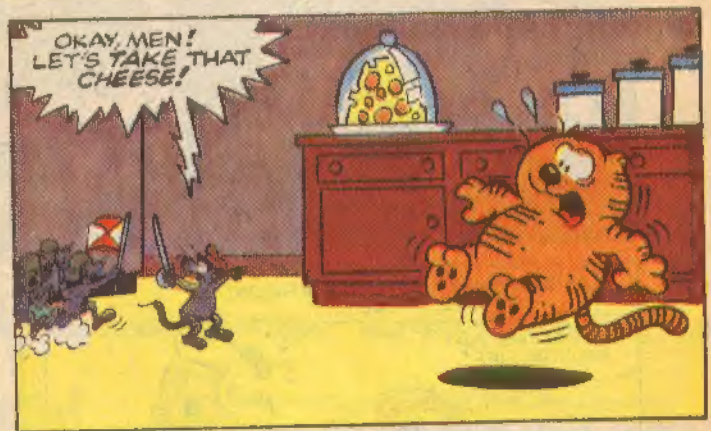
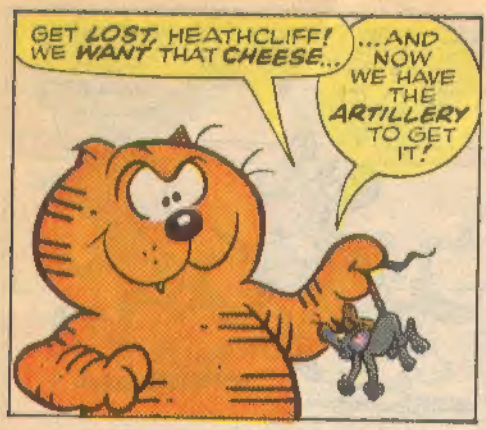

OKAY, MEN! LET'S TAKE THAT CHEESE!

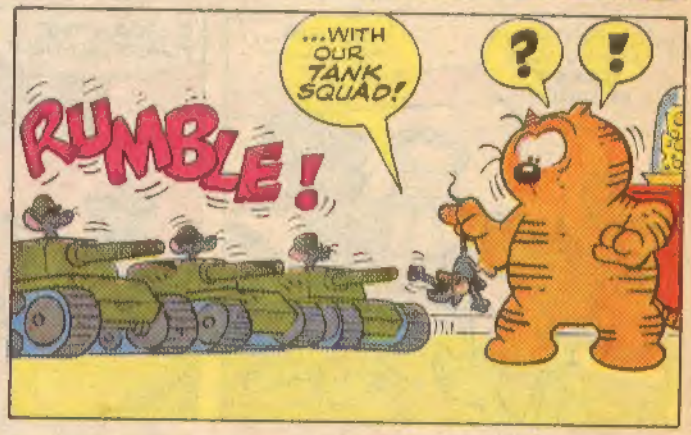
C'MON, YOU GUYS! BOOT CAMP IS OVER!

COMPANY, HALT!
SCREECH!!


GET LOST, HEATHCLIFF! WE WANT THAT CHEESE...
...AND NOW WE HAVE THE ARTILLERY TO GET IT!

IT'S TOTAL WAR!
HOORAY!

NOW STEP ASIDE! WE'RE GONNA BLAST THROUGH THAT GLASS COVER...


RUMBLE!
...WITH OUR TANK SQUAD!
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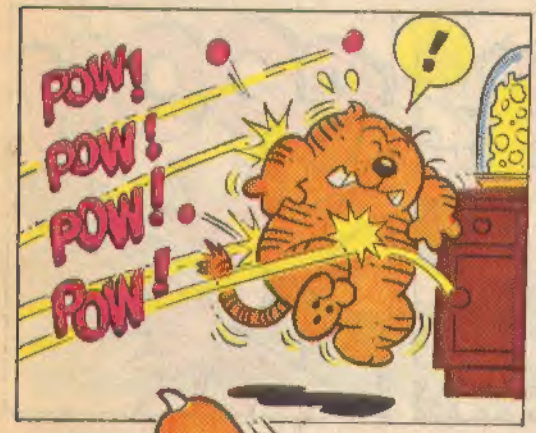
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
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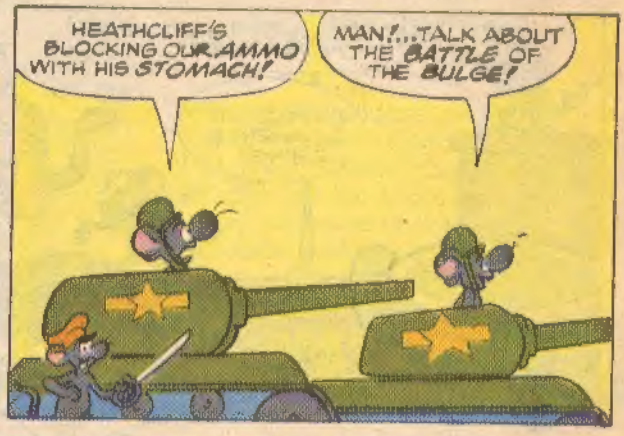
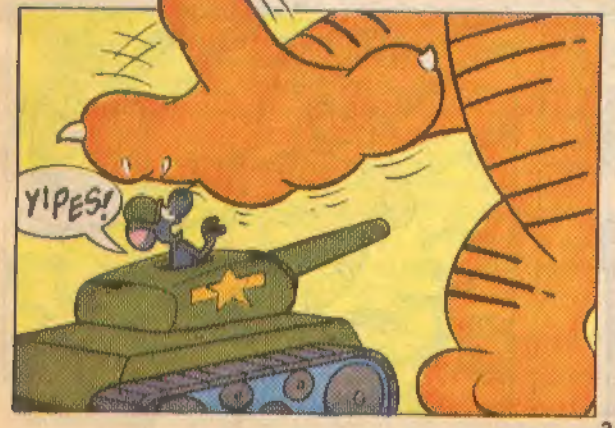

HEATHCLIFF'S BLOCKING OUR AMMO WITH HIS STOMACH!
MAN!...TALK ABOUT THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE!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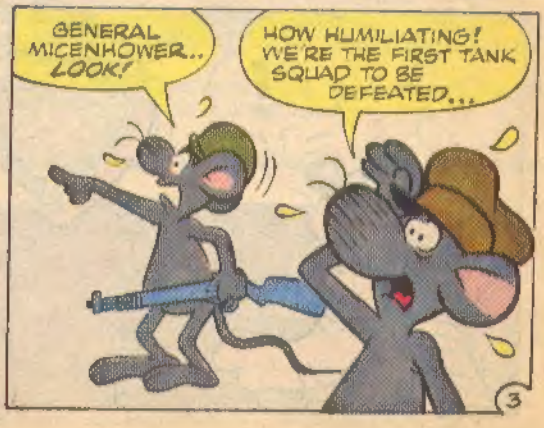
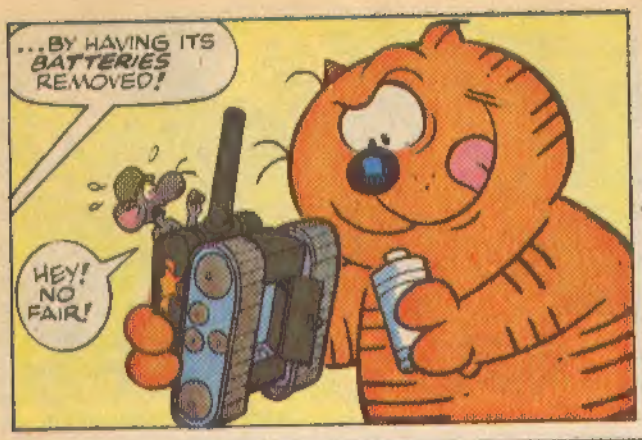
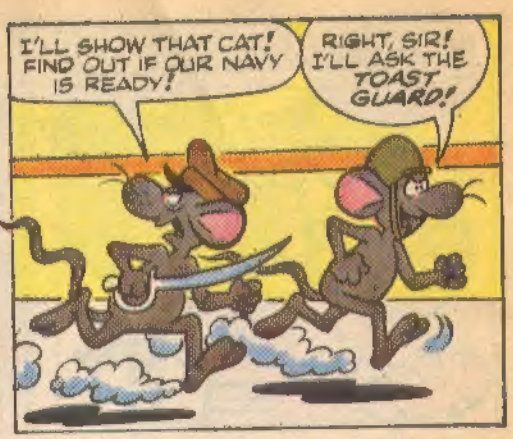
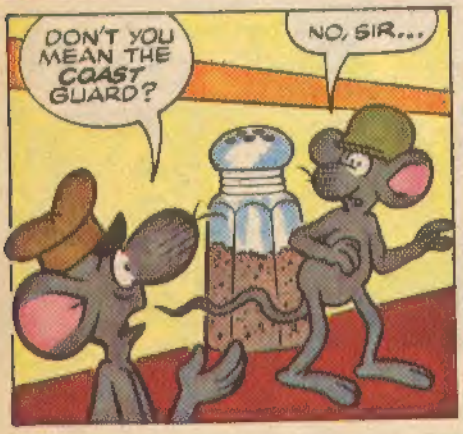
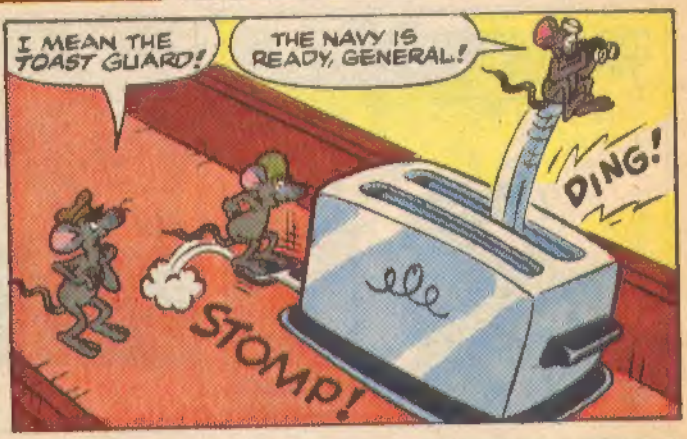
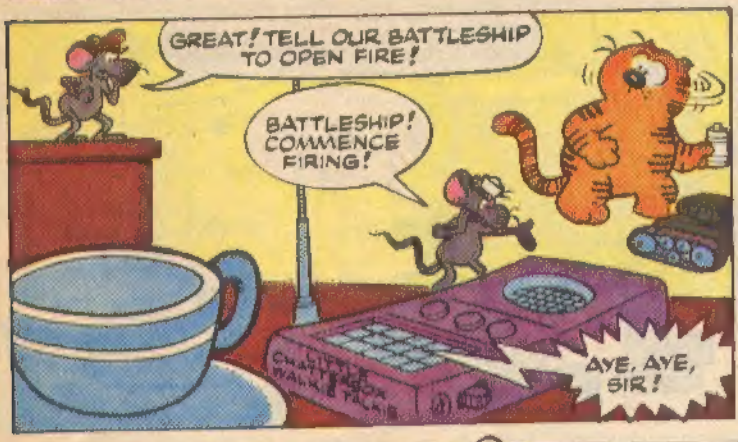

GENERAL MICENHOWER.. LOOK!
HOW HUMILIATING! WE'RE THE FIRST TANK SQUAD TO BE DEFEATED...

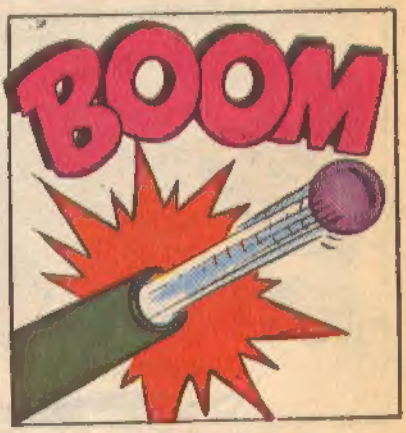

...BY HAVING ITS BATTERIES REMOVED!
HEY! NO FAIR!

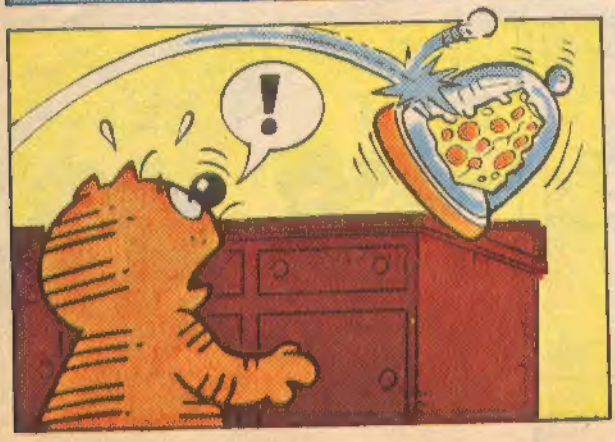

I'LL SHOW THAT CAT! FIND OUT IF OUR NAVY IS READY!
RIGHT, SIR! I'LL ASK THE TOAST GUARD!


DON'T YOU MEAN THE COAST GUARD?
NO, SIR...


I MEAN THE TOAST GUARD!
THE NAVY IS READY, GENERAL!
DING!
STOMP!


GREAT! TELL OUR BATTLESHIP TO OPEN FIRE!
BATTLESHIP! COMMENCE FIRING!
AYE, AYE, SIR!


BOOM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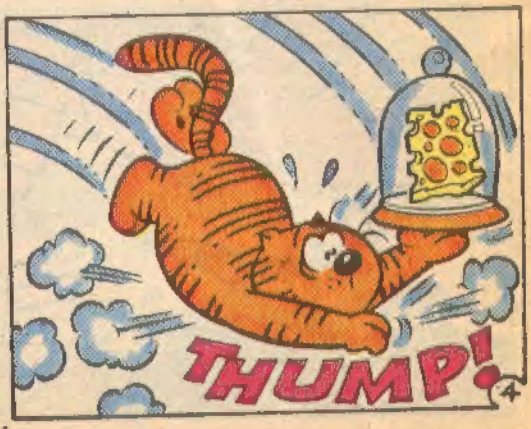
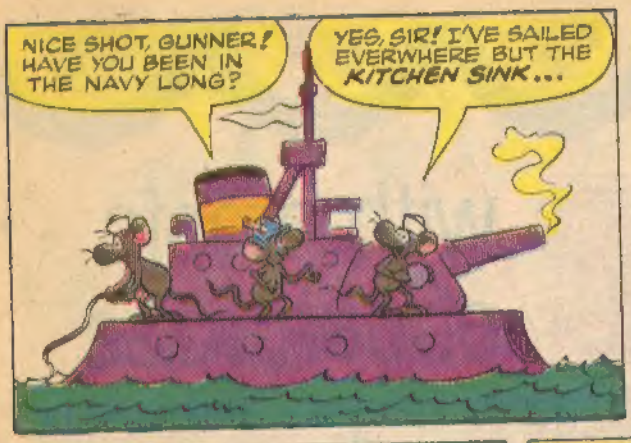
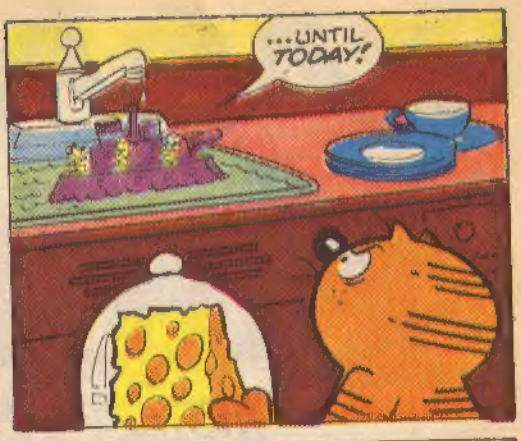
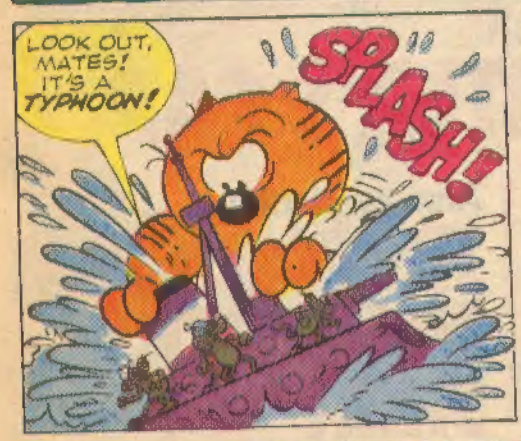
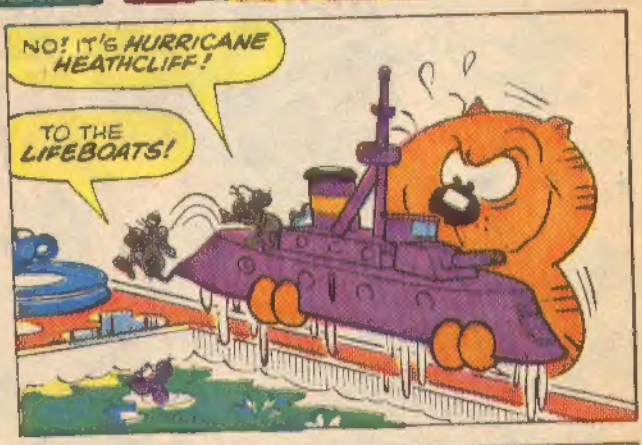
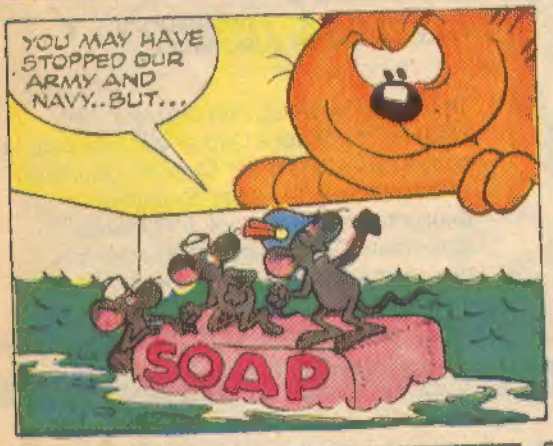

THUMP!

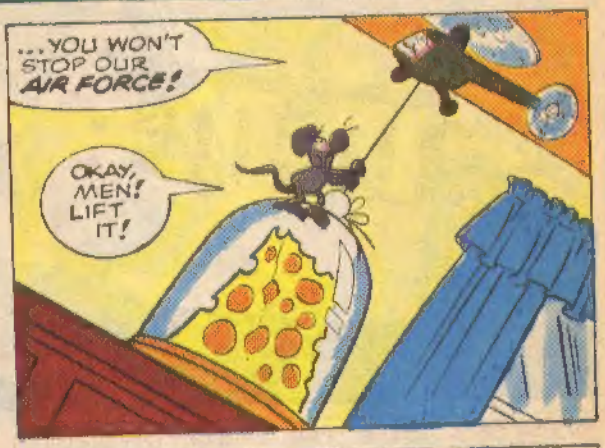

NICE SHOT, GUNNER! HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE NAVY LONG?
YES, SIR! I'VE SAILED EVERWHERE BUT THE KITCHEN SINK...

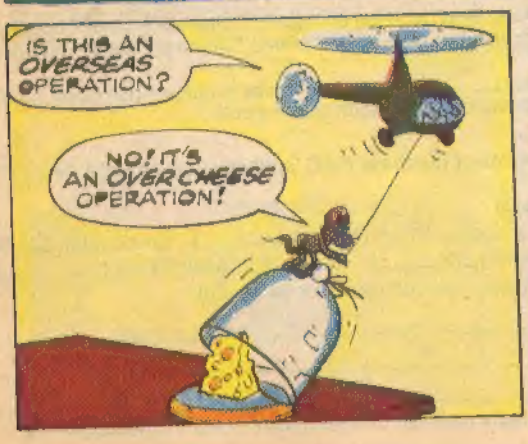

...UNTIL TODAY!

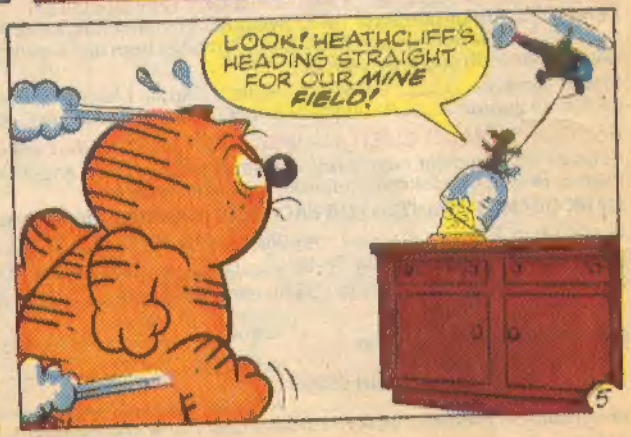

LOOK OUT, MATES! IT'S A TYPHOON!
SPLASH!

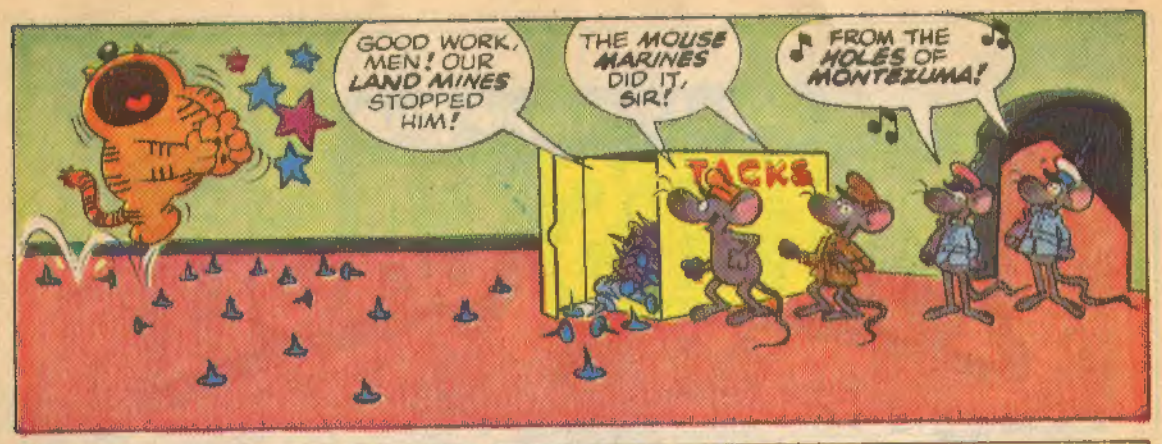

NO! IT'S HURRICANE HEATHCLIFF!
TO THE LIFEBOATS!


YOU MAY HAVE STOPPED OUR ARMY AND NAVY..BUT...
SOAP


...YOU WON'T STOP OUR AIR FORCE!
OKAY, MEN! LIFT IT!


IS THIS AN OVERSEAS OPERATION?
NO! IT'S AN OVERCHEESE OPERATION!


LOOK! HEATHCLIFF'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR OUR MINE FIELD!


GOOD WORK, MEN! OUR LAND MINES STOPPED HIM!
THE MOUSE MARINES DID IT, SIR!
FROM THE HOLES OF MONTEZUMA!
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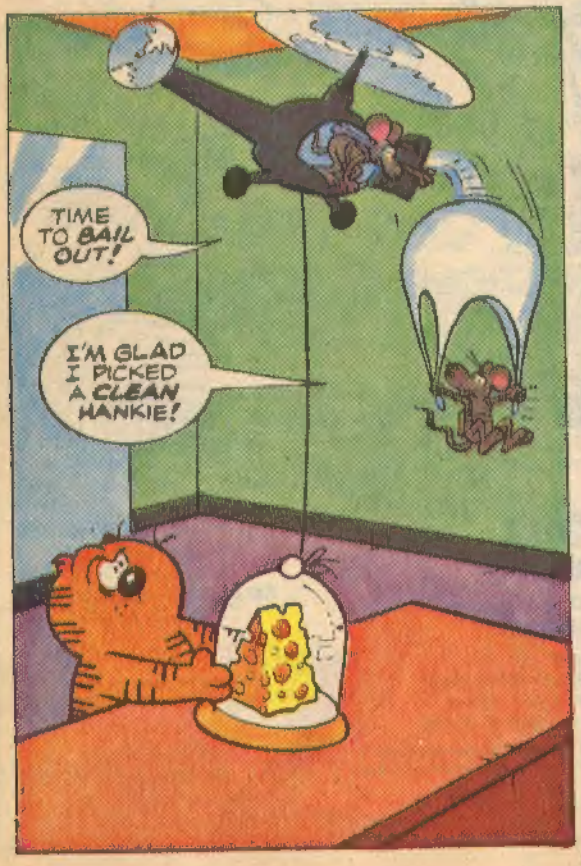
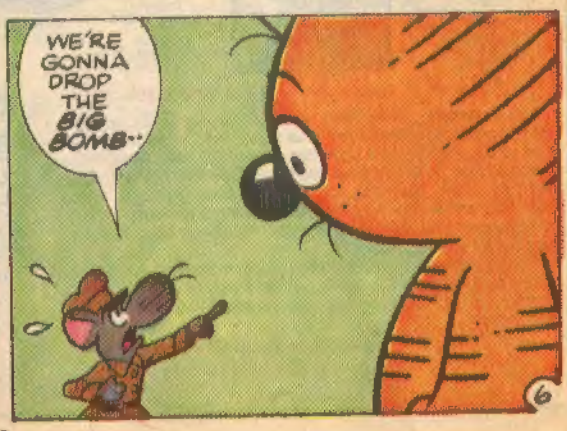
UH, OH..! JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF!
KIDDIE COPTER

HE'S GOT A MINE SWEEPER!


TIME TO BAIL OUT!
I'M GLAD I PICKED A CLEAN HANKIE!

THAT DOES IT, HEATHCLIFF! I'M THROUGH PLAYING GAMES!!


WE'RE GONNA DROP THE BIG BOMB..
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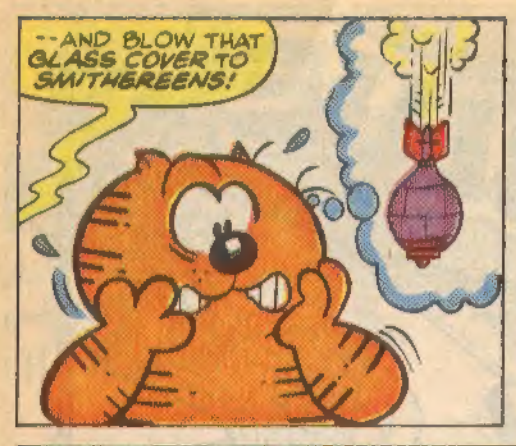
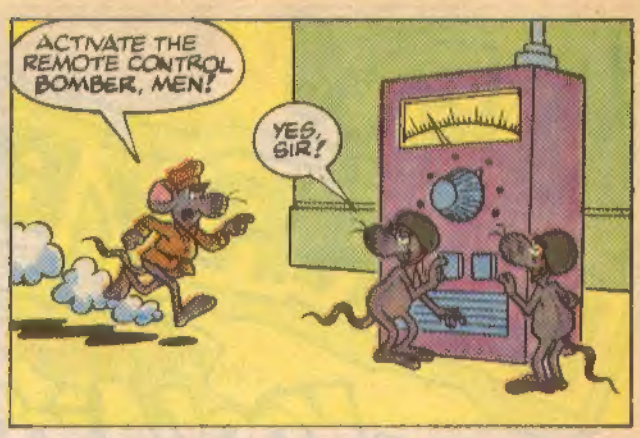
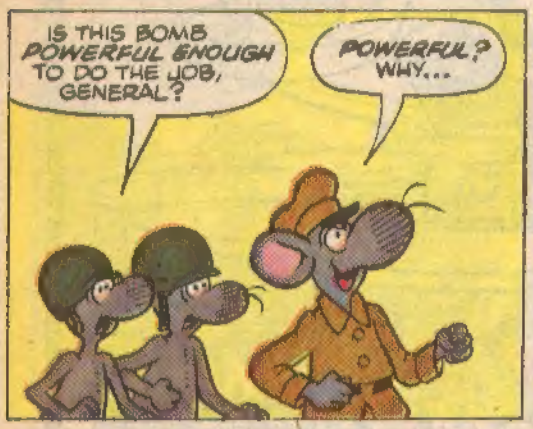
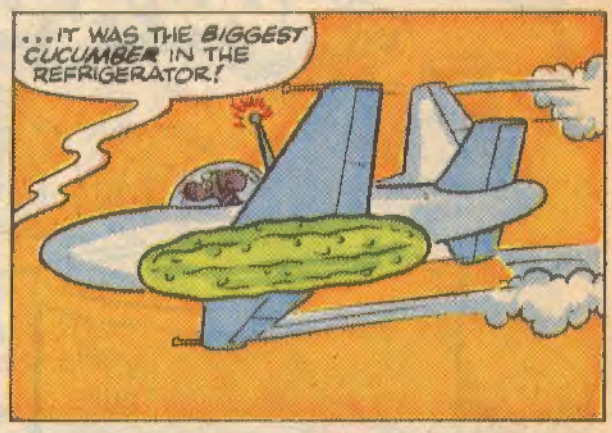
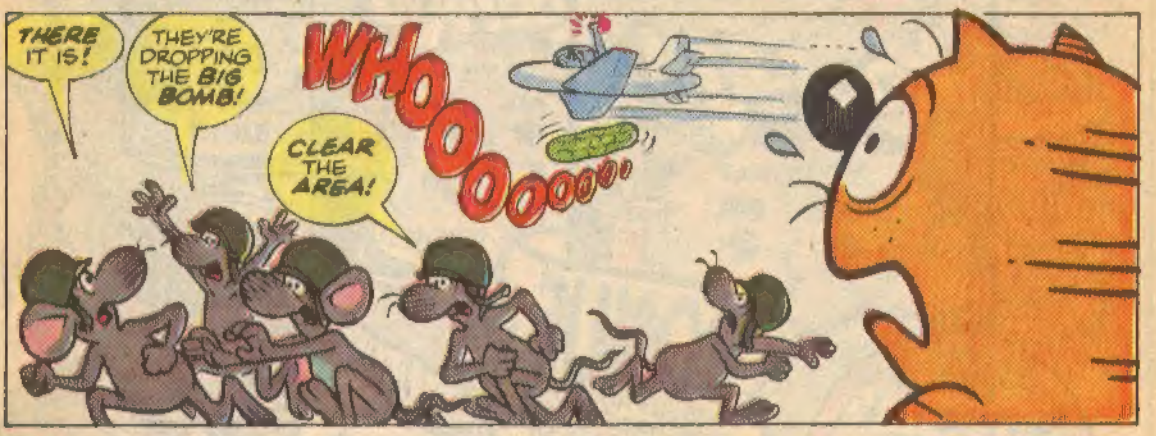

--AND BLOW THAT GLASS COVER TO SMITHEREENS!


ACTIVATE THE REMOTE CONTROL BOMBER, MEN!
YES, SIR!


IS THIS BOMB POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB, GENERAL?
POWERFUL? WHY...


...IT WAS THE BIGGEST CUCUMBER IN THE REFRIGERATOR!


THERE IT IS!
THEY'RE DROPPING THE BIG BOMB!
CLEAR THE AREA!
WHOOOOOOOOO!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW! FIVE...FOUR...THREE... TWO...ONE...
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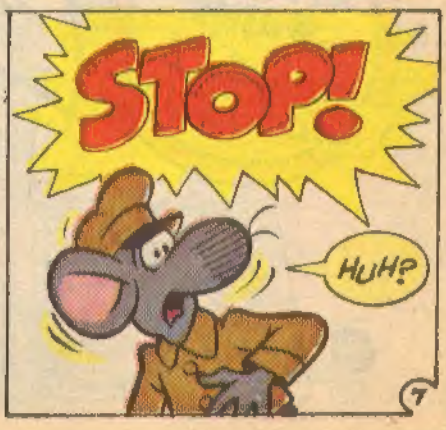
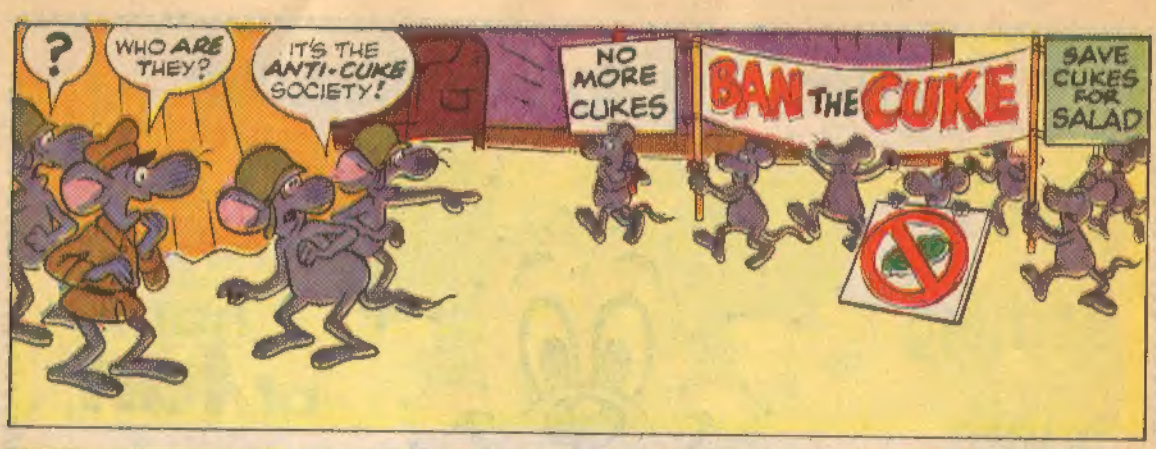

STOP!
HUH?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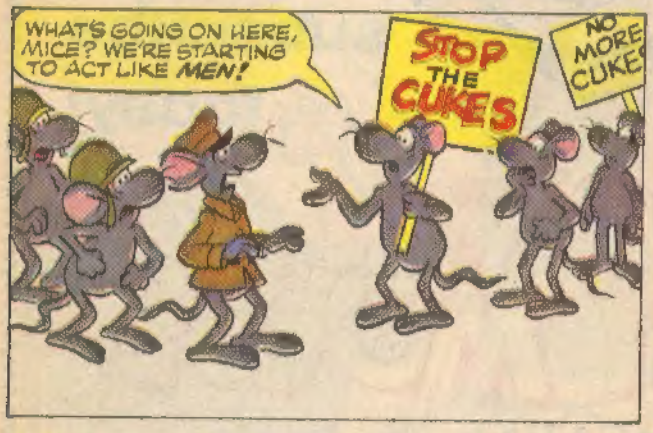
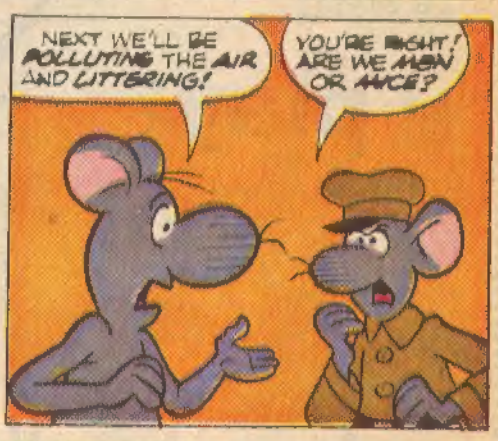
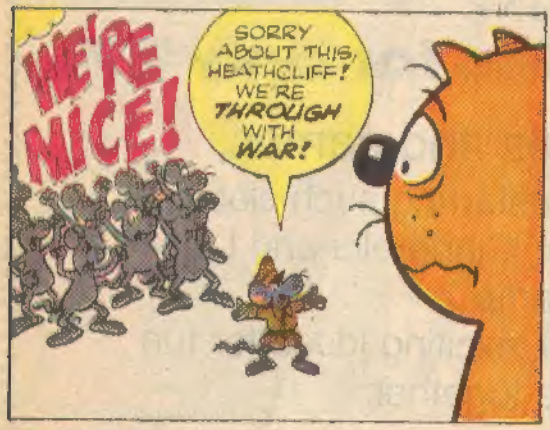
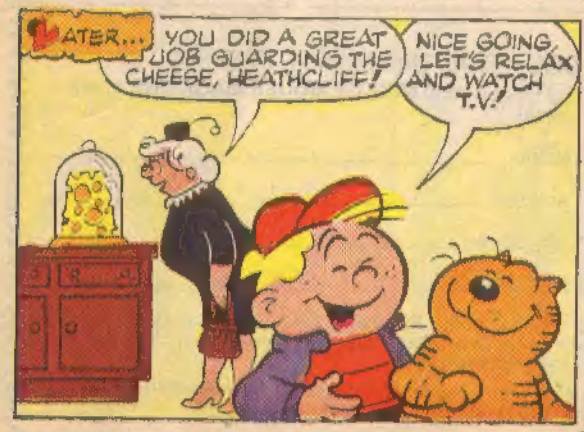
WHO ARE THEY?
IT'S THE ANTI-CUKE SOCIETY!
NO MORE CUKES
BAN THE CUKE
SAVE CUKES FOR SALAD

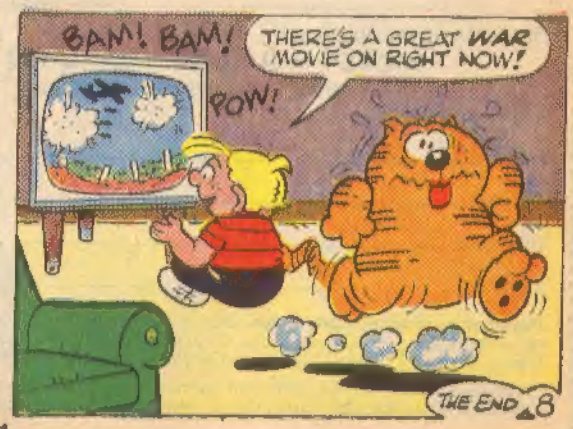

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, MICE? WE'RE STARTING TO ACT LIKE MEN!
STOP THE CUKES
NO MORE CUKES


NEXT WE'LL BE POLLUTING THE AIR AND LITTERING!
YOU'RE RIGHT! ARE WE MEN OR MICE?


WE'RE NICE!
SORRY ABOUT THIS, HEATHCLIFF! WE'RE THROUGH WITH WAR!

YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T SAY MUCH GOOD ABOUT HEATHCLIFF, BUT AT LEAST HE'S NOT HUMAN!
TRUE!


LATER...
YOU DID A GREAT JOB GUARDING THE CHEESE, HEATHCLIFF!
NICE GOING. LET'S RELAX AND WATCH T.V.!


BAM! BAM!
POW!
THERE'S A GREAT WAR MOVIE ON RIGHT NOW!
THE END

HEATHCLIFF

IGGY! HEATHCLIFF! WHAT ARE YOU HIDING FROM?

...IT'S FRIDAY THE 13TH!

WE WANT TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT CAN CAUSE BAD LUCK, GRANDMA!

"LIKE WALKING UNDER A LADDER .....

"...BREAKING A MIRROR...

"...SPILLING SALT...

CRAK!

"...OR WORST OF ALL--LETTING A BLACK CAT CROSS OUR PATH!"

THAT'S RIDICULOUS, IGGY! I WON'T HAVE YOU BELIEVE SUCH SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE!

BUT, GRANDPA NUTMEG!

DECESARE/BROWN/LEON

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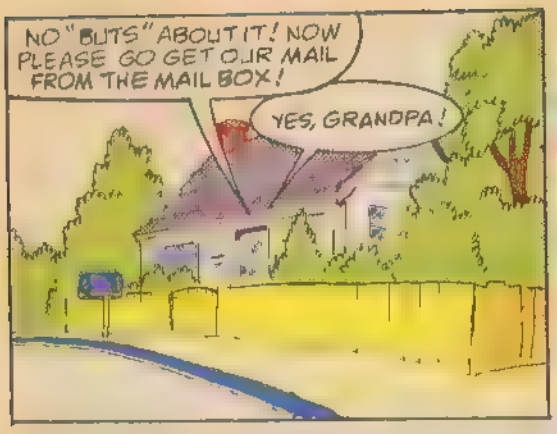
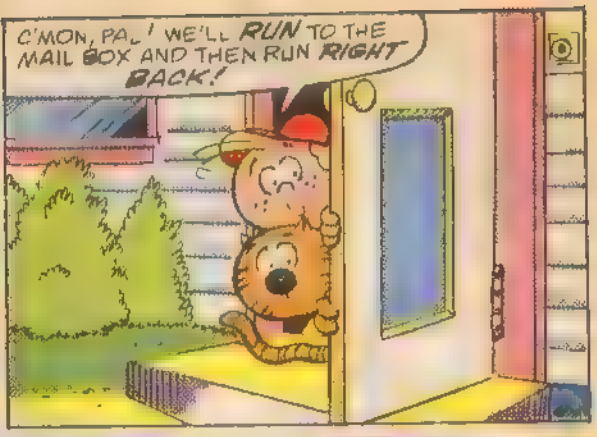
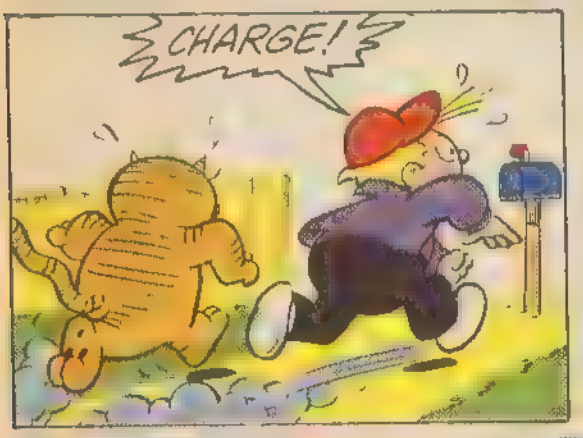
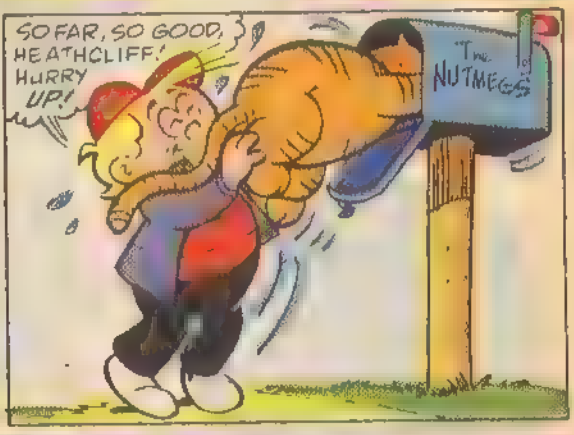
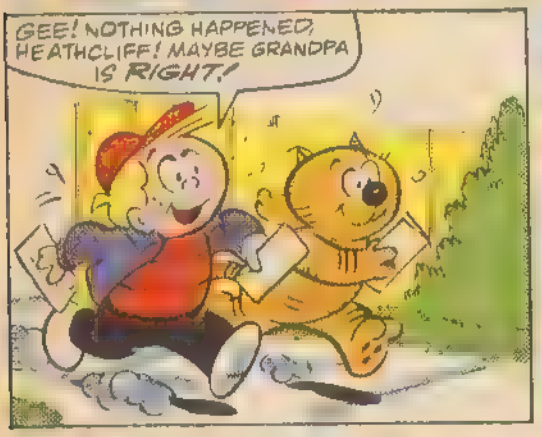
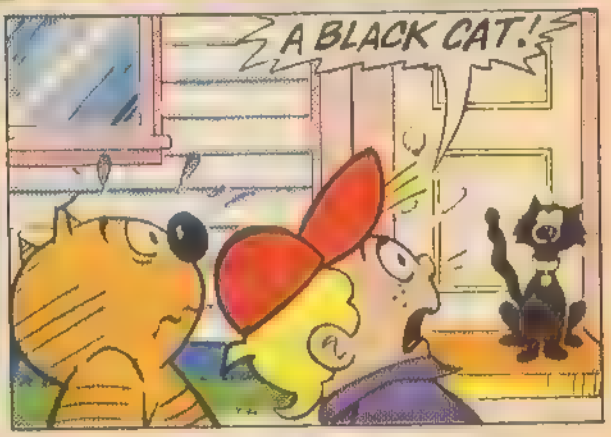

NO "BUTS" ABOUT IT! NOW PLEASE GO GET OUR MAIL FROM THE MAIL BOX!
YES, GRANDPA!

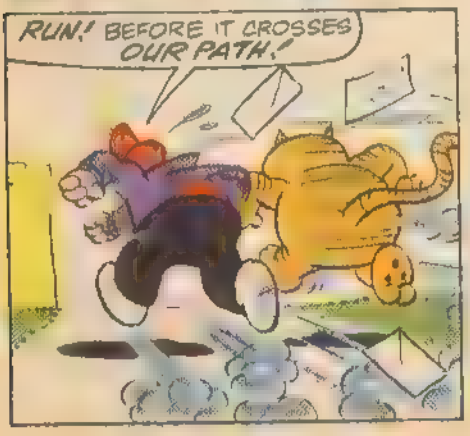

C'MON, PAL! WE'LL RUN TO THE MAIL BOX AND THEN RUN RIGHT BACK!

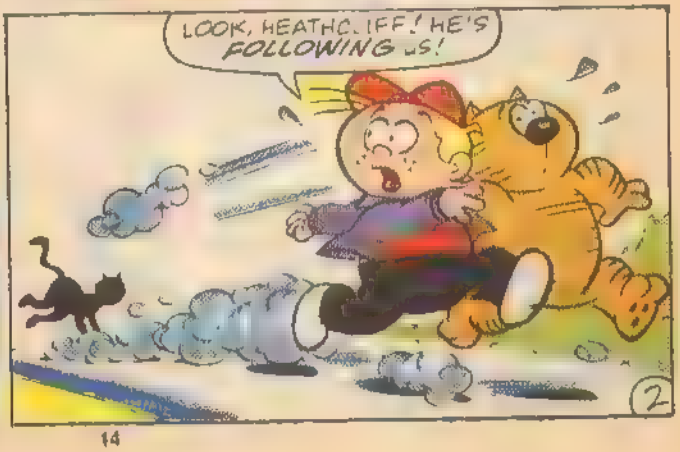

CHARGE!


SO FAR, SO GOOD, HEATHCLIFF! HURRY UP!
THE NUTMEGS


GEE! NOTHING HAPPENED, HEATHCLIFF! MAYBE GRANDPA IS RIGHT!


A BLACK CAT!


RUN! BEFORE IT CROSSES OUR PATH!


LOOK, HEATHCLIFF! HE'S FOLLOWING US!
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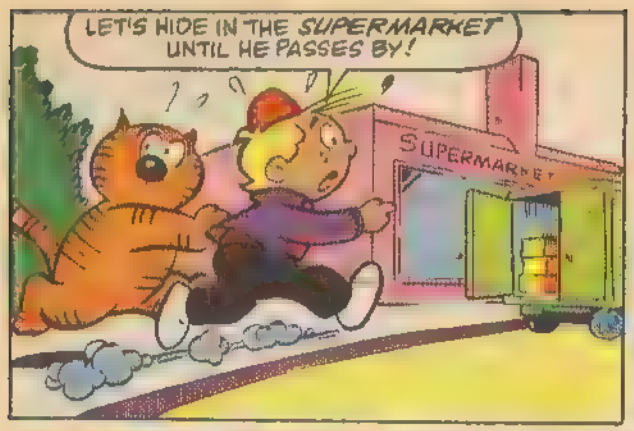
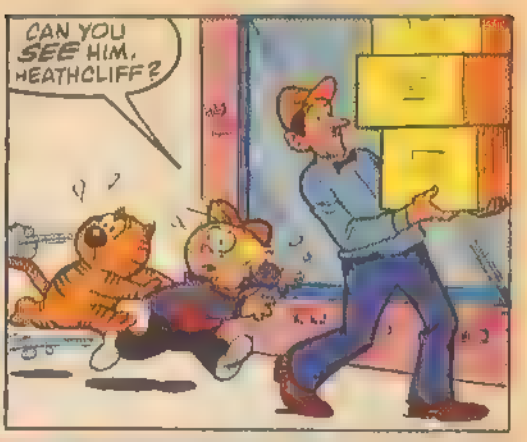
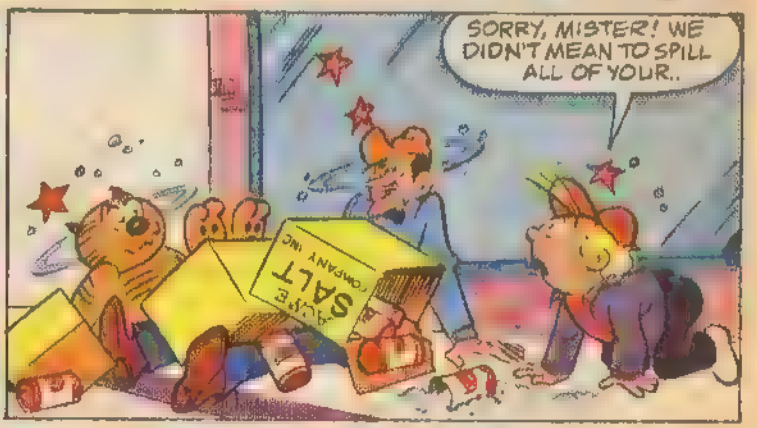
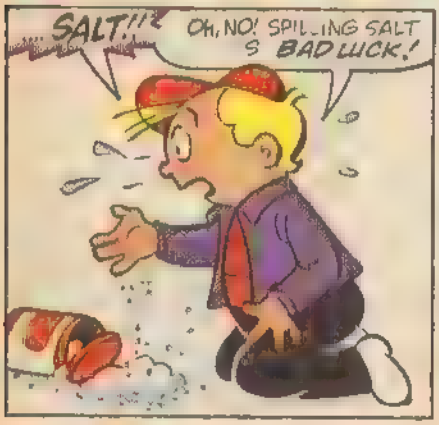
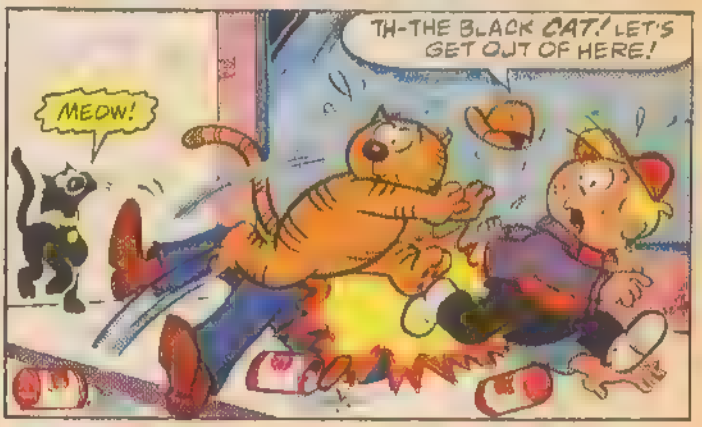

LET'S HIDE IN THE SUPERMARKET UNTIL HE PASSES BY!
SUPERMARKET

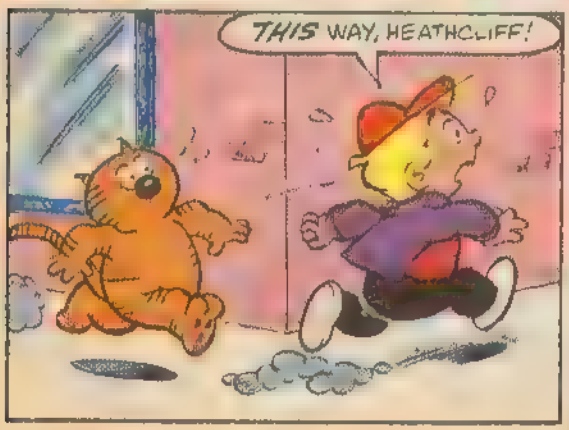

CAN YOU SEE HIM, HEATHCLIFF?

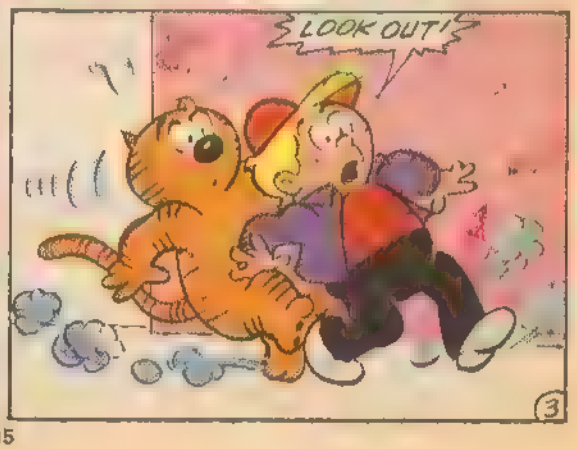
WHAM!


SORRY, MISTER! WE DIDN'T MEAN TO SPILL ALL OF YOUR..
SALT


SALT!!!
OH, NO! SPILLING SALT IS BAD LUCK!


MEOW!
TH-THE BLACK CAT! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!


THIS WAY, HEATHCLIFF!


LOOK OUT!
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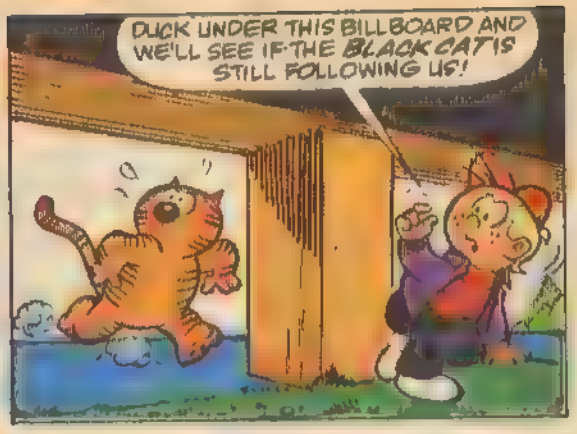
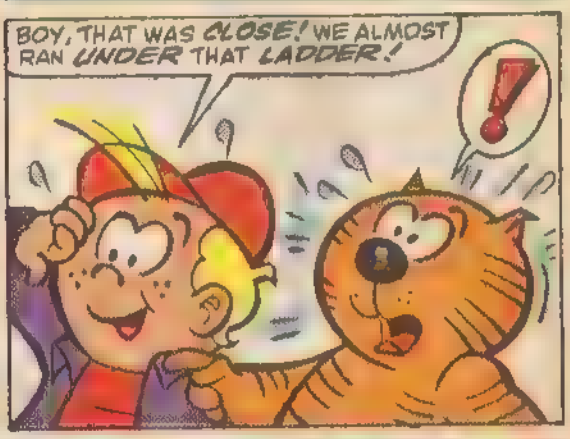
IT'S A LADDER, HEATHCLIFF RUN AROUND IT!


DUCK UNDER THIS BILLBOARD AND WE'LL SEE IF THE BLACK CAT IS STILL FOLLOWING US!


BOY, THAT WAS CLOSE! WE ALMOST RAN UNDER THAT LADDER!
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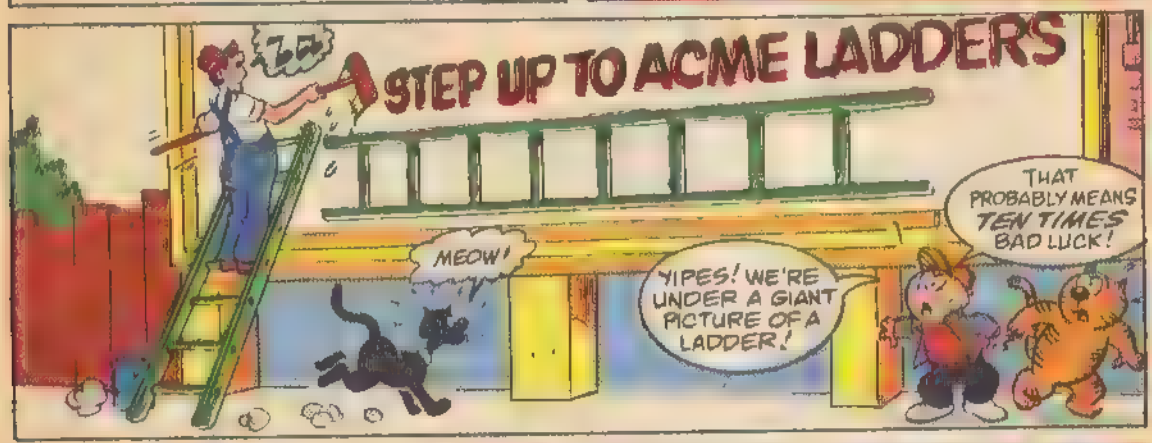
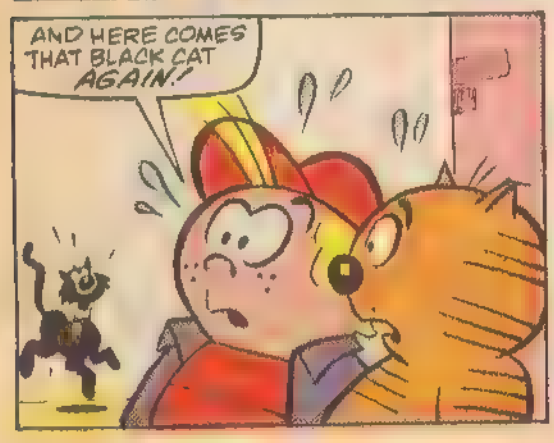
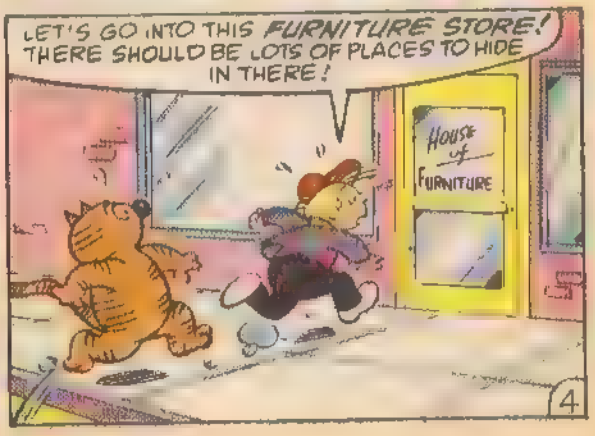

STEP UP TO ACME LADDERS
MEOW!
YIPES! WE'RE UNDER A GIANT PICTURE OF A LADDER!
THAT PROBABLY MEANS TEN TIMES BAD LUCK!


AND HERE COMES THAT BLACK CAT AGAIN!


LET'S GO INTO THIS FURNITURE STORE! THERE SHOULD BE LOTS OF PLACES TO HIDE IN THERE!
HOUSE of FURNITURE
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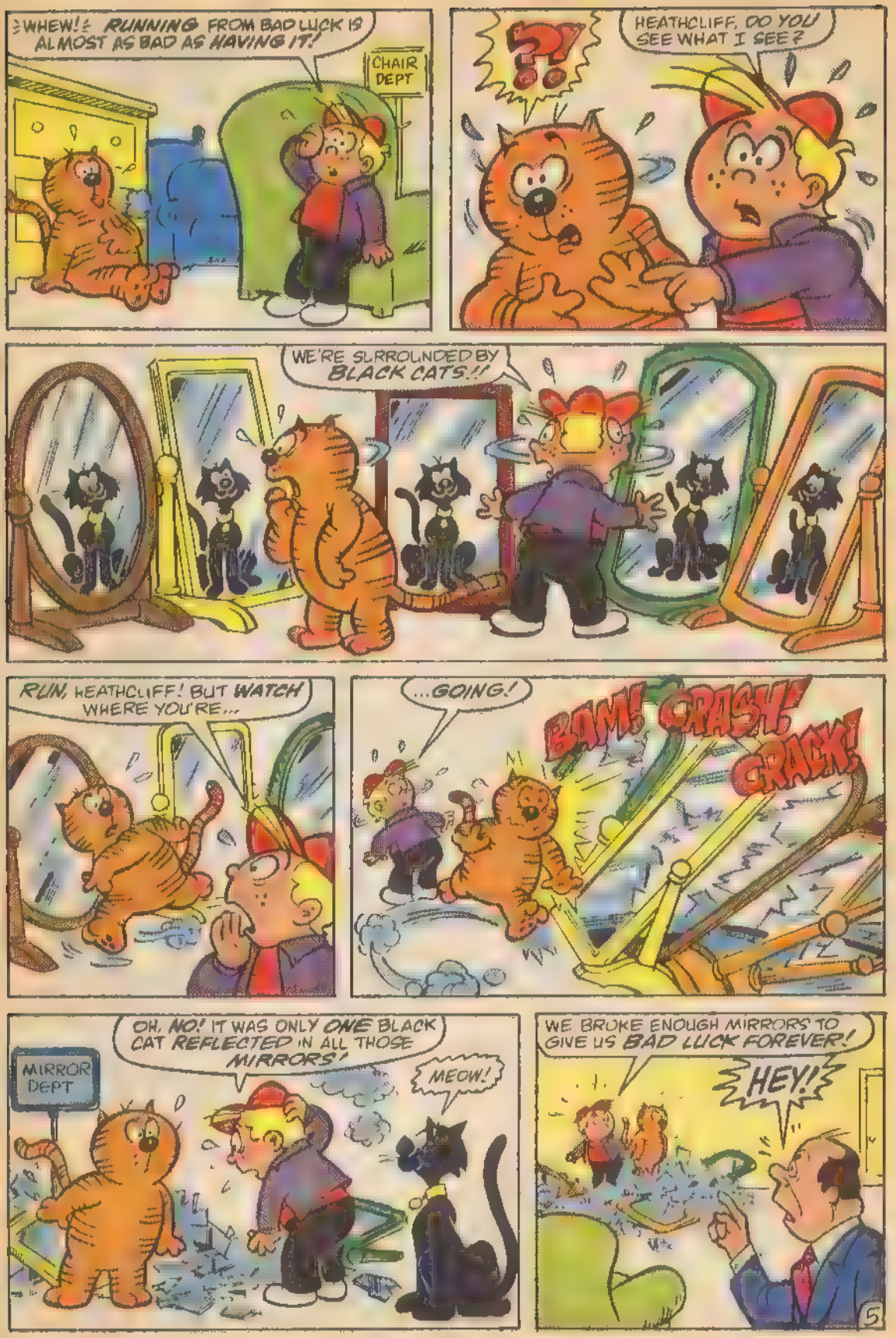
WHEW! RUNNING FROM BAD LUCK IS ALMOST AS BAD AS HAVING IT!
CHAIR DEPT
HEATHCLIFF, DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
WE'RE SURROUNDED BY BLACK CATS!!
RUN, HEATHCLIFF! BUT WATCH WHERE YOU'RE...
...GOING!
BAM! CRASH! CRACK!
OH, NO! IT WAS ONLY ONE BLACK CAT REFLECTED IN ALL THOSE MIRRORS!
MIRROR DEPT
MEOW!
WE BROKE ENOUGH MIRRORS TO GIVE US BAD LUCK FOREVER!
HEY!
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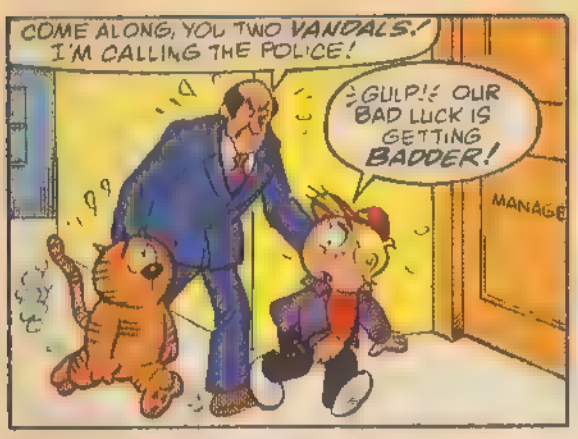
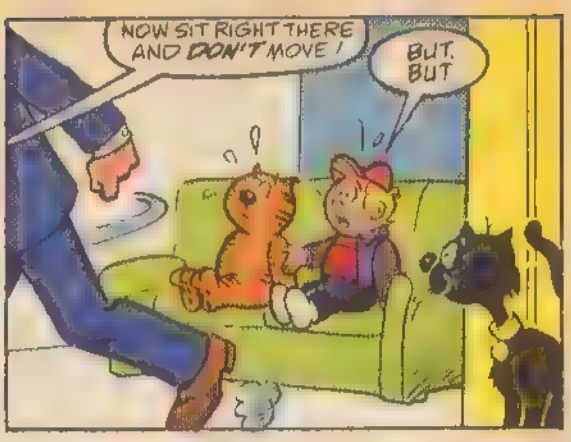
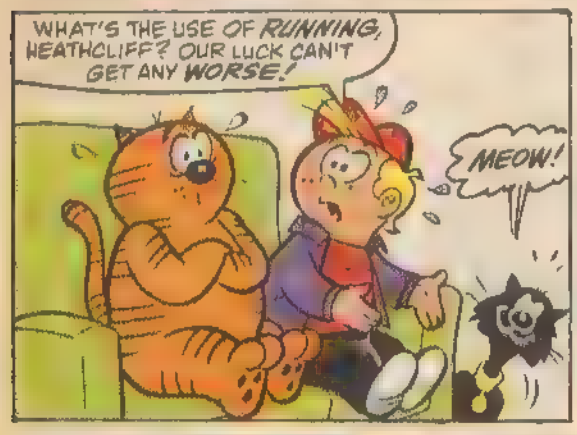
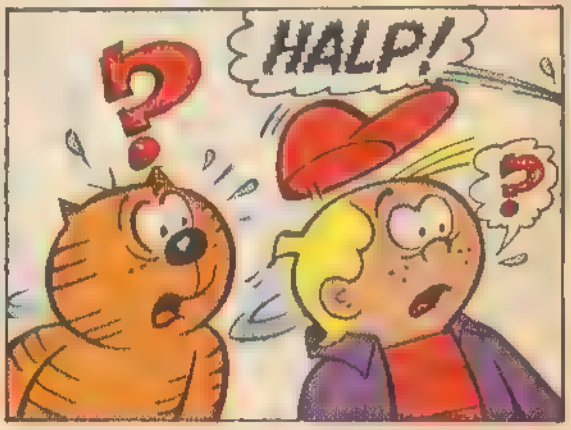

COME ALONG, YOU TWO VANDALS! I'M CALLING THE POLICE!
GULP!! OUR BAD LUCK IS GETTING BADDER!
MANAGE


NOW SIT RIGHT THERE AND DON'T MOVE!
BUT, BUT


WHAT'S THE USE OF RUNNING, HEATHCLIFF? OUR LUCK CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!
MEOW!


HALP!
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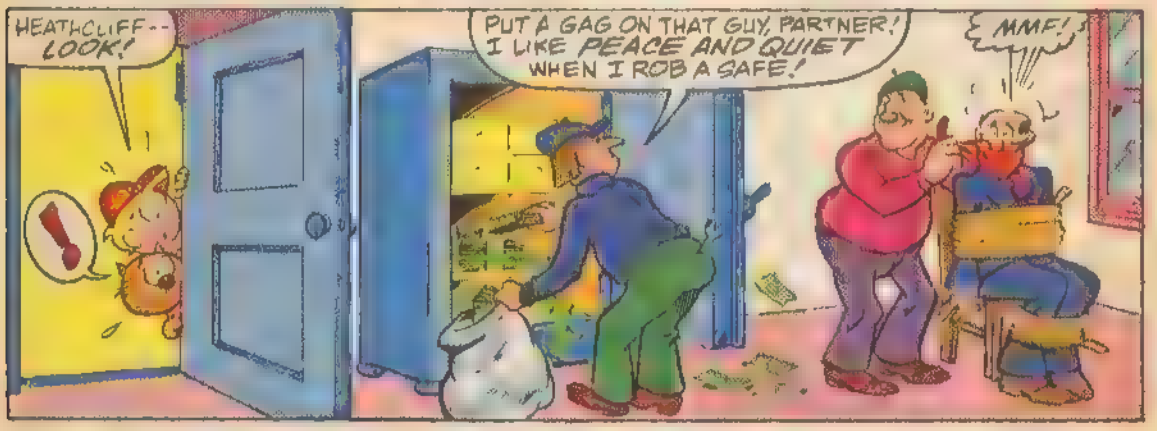
HEATHCLIFF-- LOOK!
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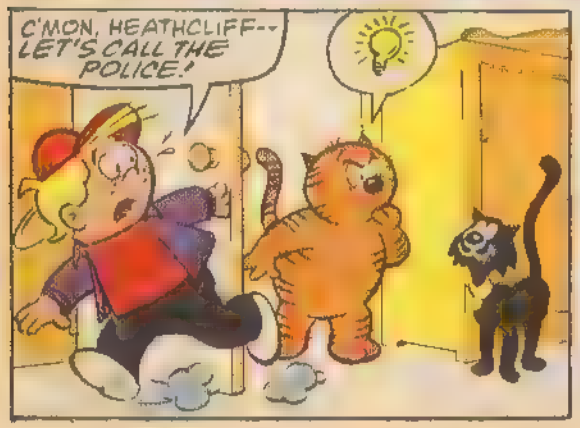
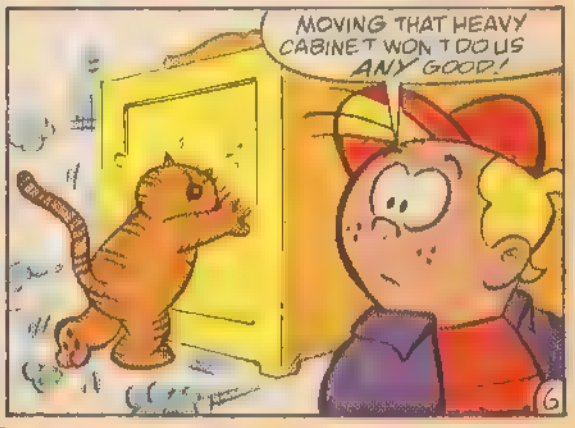
PUT A GAG ON THAT GUY, PARTNER! I LIKE PEACE AND QUIET WHEN I ROB A SAFE!
MMF!


C'MON, HEATHCLIFF-- LET'S CALL THE POLICE!


MOVING THAT HEAVY CABINET WON'T DO US ANY GOOD!
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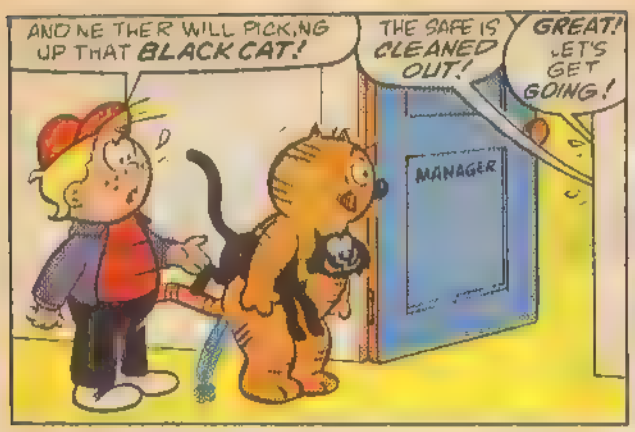
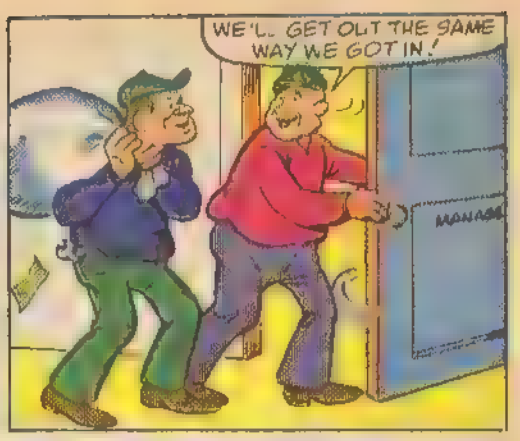
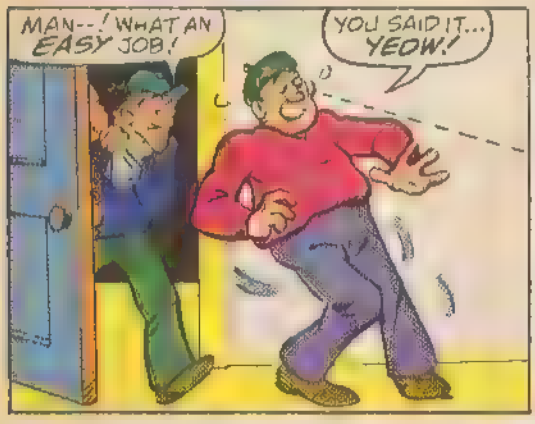
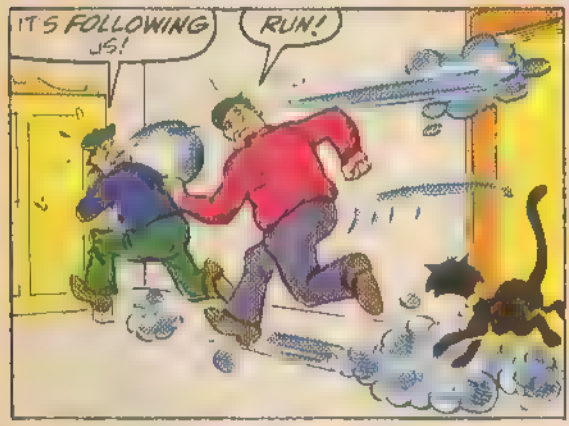
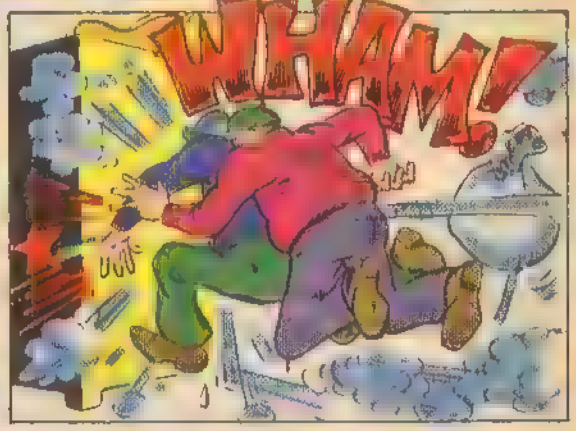

AND NE THER WILL PICK,NG UP THAT BLACK CAT!
THE SAFE IS CLEANED OUT!
GREAT! LET'S GET GOING!
MANAGER

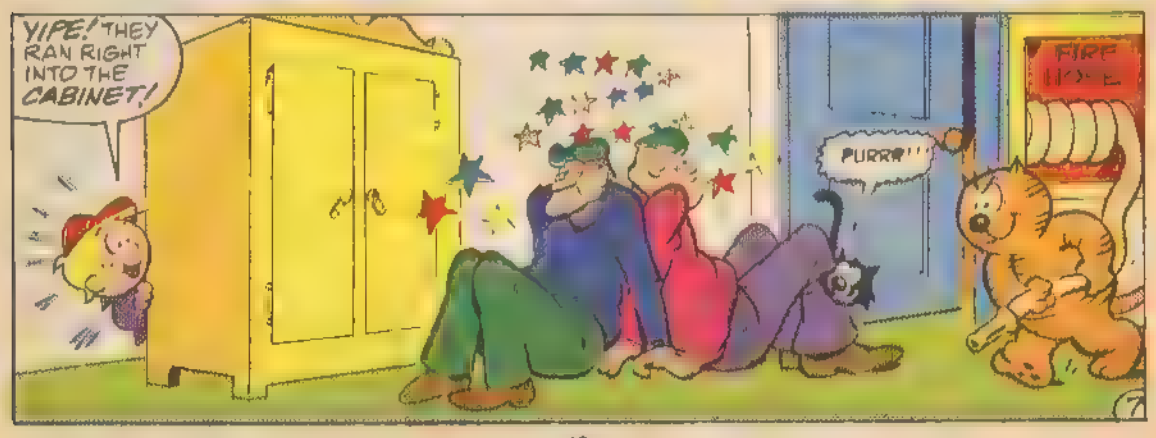

WE'LL GET OUT THE SAME WAY WE GOT IN!

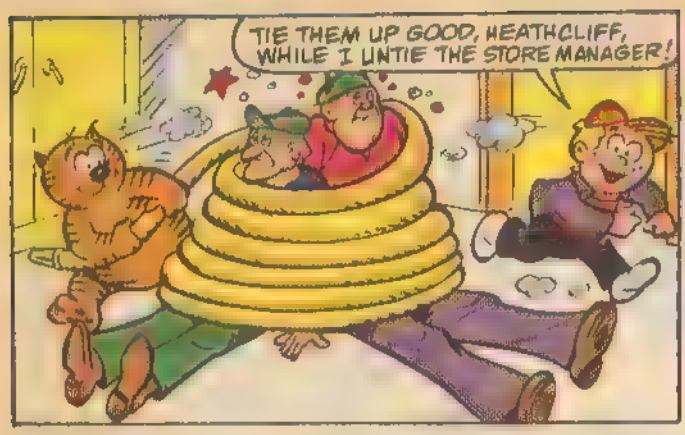

MAN--! WHAT AN EASY JOB!
YOU SAID IT... YEOW!

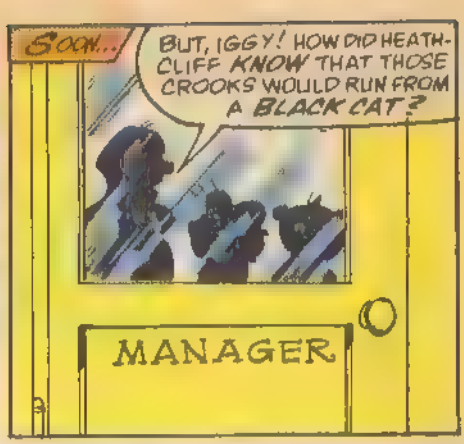
A BLACK CAT!
THAT'S BAD LUCK! LET'S GO OUT THE OTHER WAY!
MEOW!

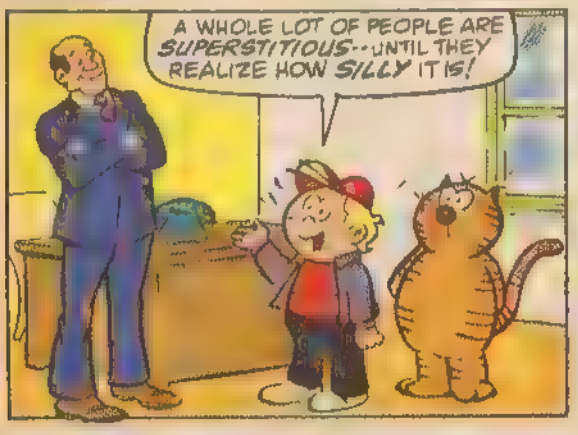

IT'S FOLLOWING US!
RUN!

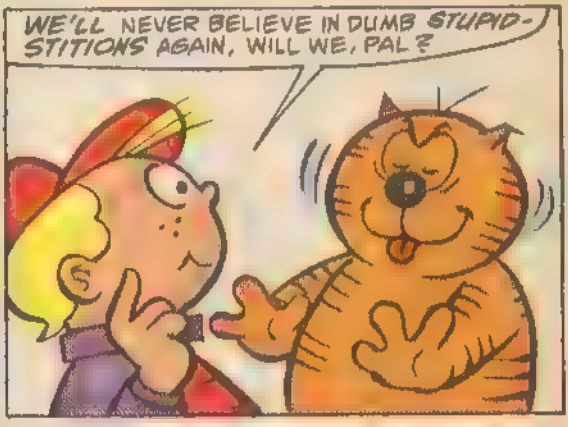

WHAM!

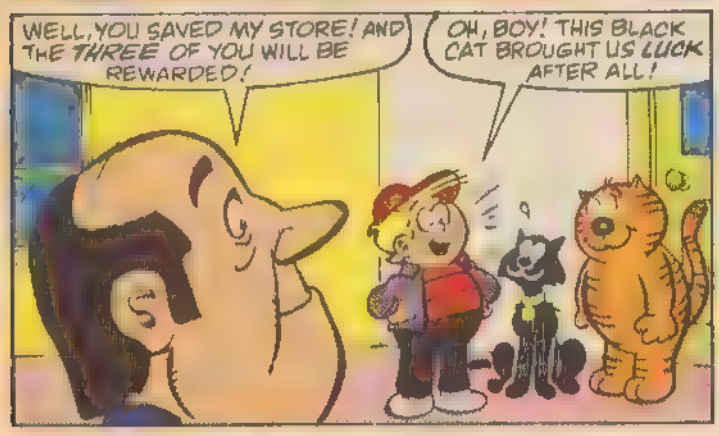

YIPE! THEY RAN RIGHT INTO THE CABINET!
PURRR!!!
FIRE

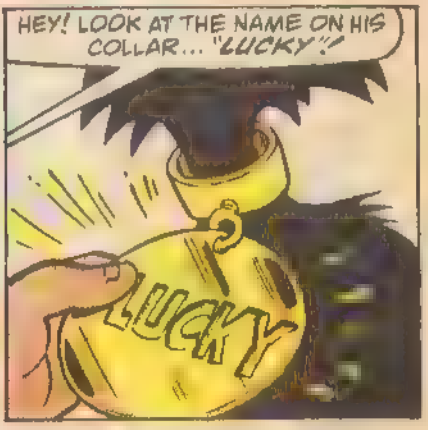

TIE THEM UP GOOD, HEATHCLIFF, WHILE I UNTIE THE STORE MANAGER!

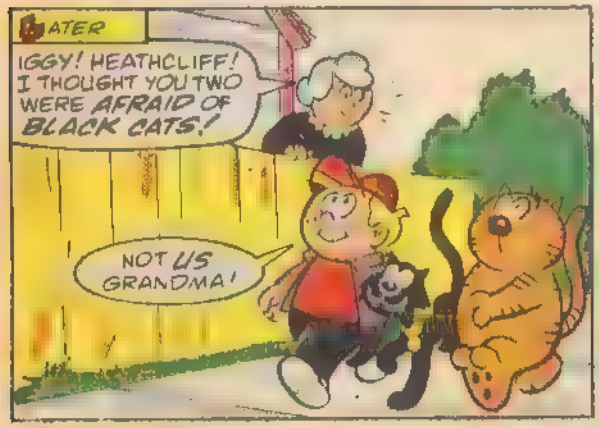

SOON...
BUT, IGGY! HOW DID HEATHCLIFF KNOW THAT THOSE CROOKS WOULD RUN FROM A BLACK CAT?
MANAGER

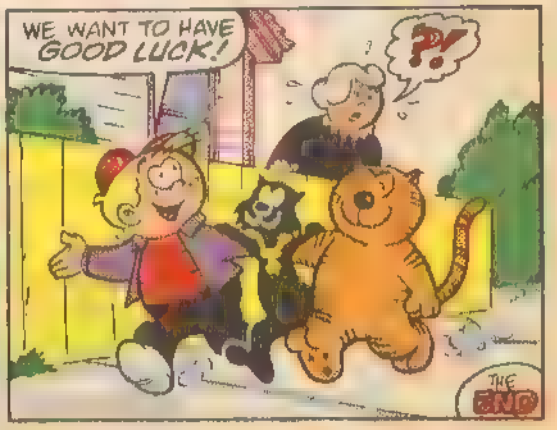

A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SUPERSTITIOUS--UNTIL THEY REALIZE HOW SILLY IT IS!


WE'LL NEVER BELIEVE IN DUMB STUPIDSTITIONS AGAIN, WILL WE, PAL?


WELL, YOU SAVED MY STORE! AND THE THREE OF YOU WILL BE REWARDED!
OH, BOY! THIS BLACK CAT BROUGHT US LUCK AFTER ALL!


HEY! LOOK AT THE NAME ON HIS COLLAR... "LUCKY"!
LUCKY


LATER
IGGY! HEATHCLIFF! I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE AFRAID OF BLACK CATS!
NOT US GRANDMA!


WE WANT TO HAVE GOOD LUCK!
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THE END

HEATHCLIFF

IN ISN'T IT ROMOUSETIC?

HEATHCLIFF! WILL YOU QUIT WATCHING YOUR SOAP OPERAS AND GO TO SLEEP!

TISSUES

OH WOE IS ME!

LOVE OF AGONY

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IF ZELDA WON'T MARRY ME THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO!

GOODBYE, CRUEL WORLD!

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OOF! I FORGOT TO OPEN THE WINDOW!

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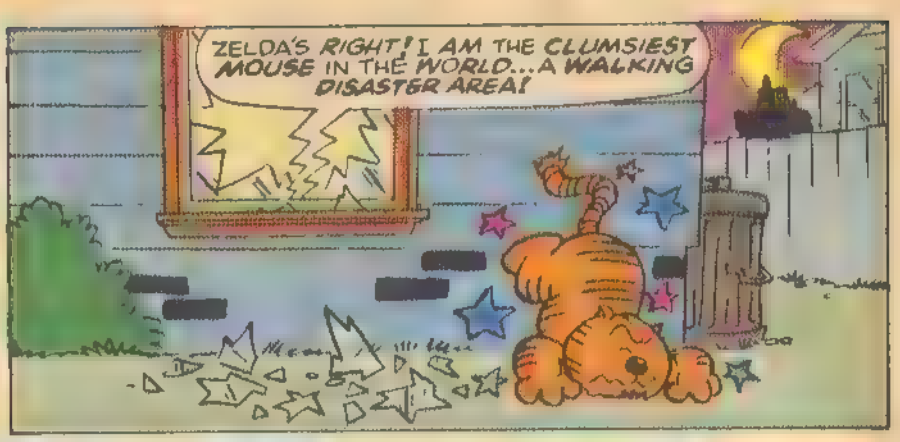
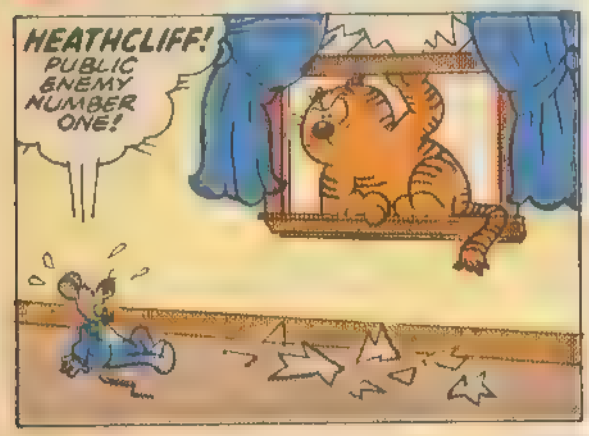
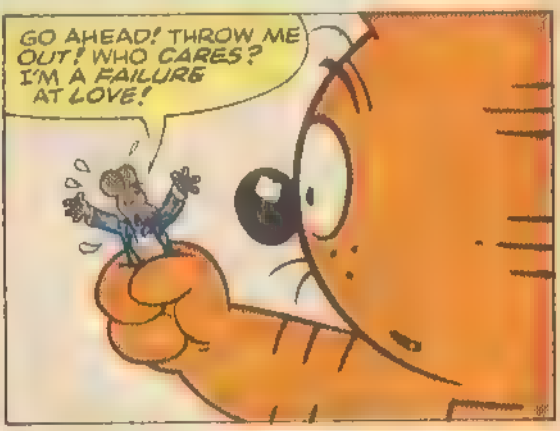
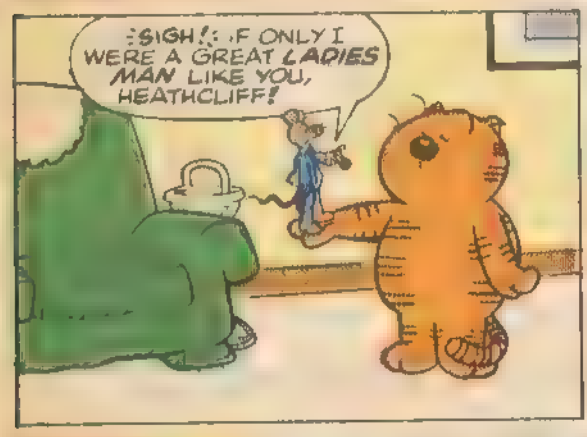
BONK

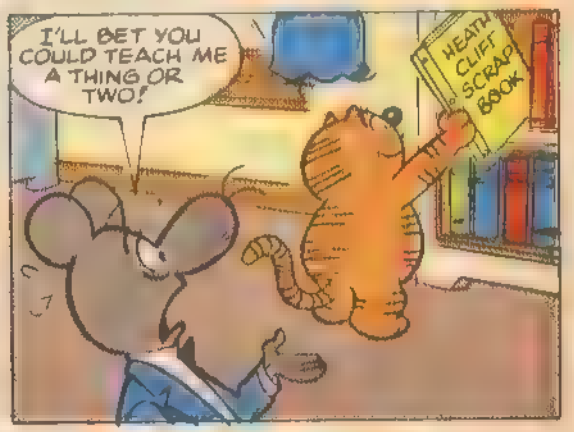
CRASH!

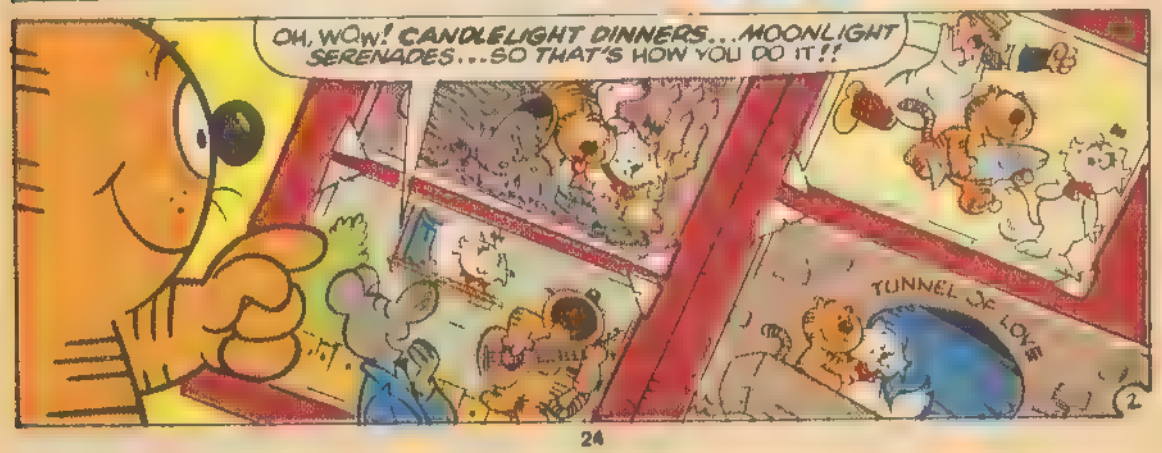

ZELDA'S RIGHT! I AM THE CLUMSIEST MOUSE IN THE WORLD...A WALKING DISASTER AREA!


HEATHCLIFF! PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE!

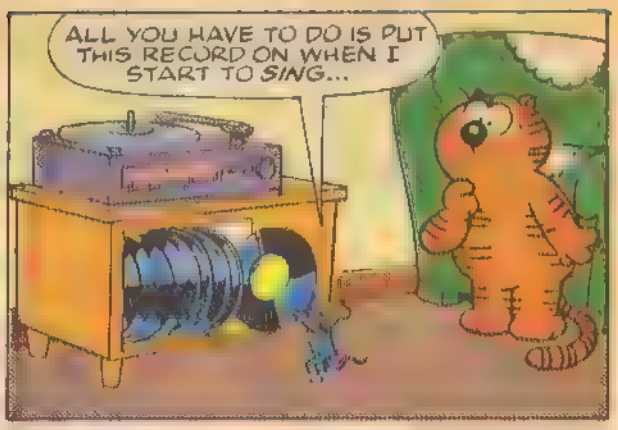

GO AHEAD! THROW ME OUT! WHO CARES? I'M A FAILURE AT LOVE!

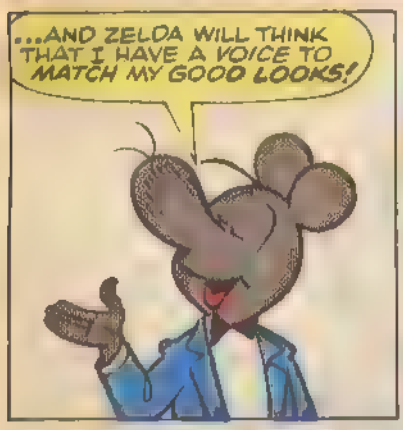

SIGH! IF ONLY I WERE A GREAT LADIES MAN LIKE YOU, HEATHCLIFF!

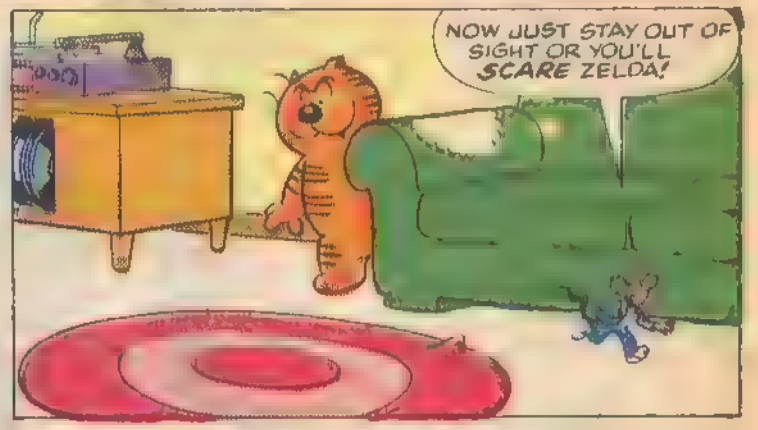

I'LL BET YOU COULD TEACH ME A THING OR TWO!
HEATH CLIFF SCRAP BOOK

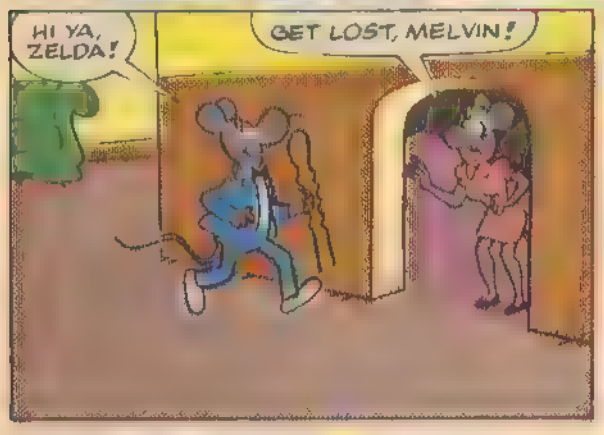

OH, WOW! CANDLELIGHT DINNERS...MOONLIGHT SERENADES...SO THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT!!
TUNNEL OF LOVE

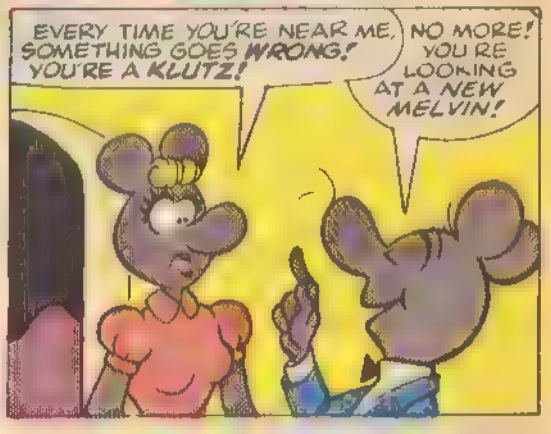
I HAVE AN IDEA, HEATHCLIFF, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME!

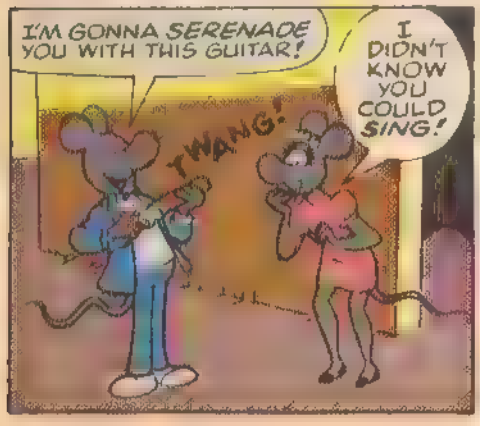

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PUT THIS RECORD ON WHEN I START TO SING...

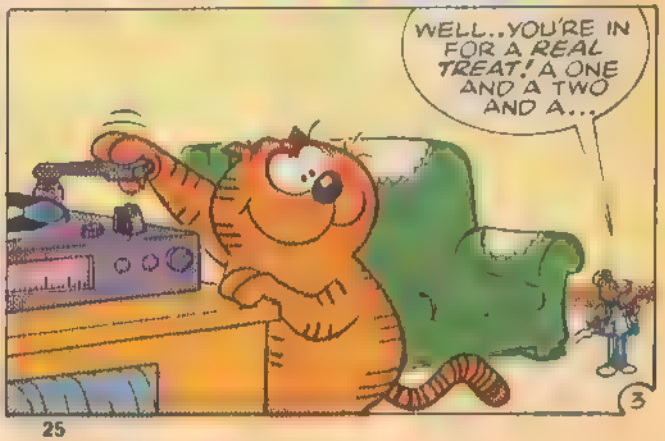

...AND ZELDA WILL THINK THAT I HAVE A VOICE TO MATCH MY GOOD LOOKS!


NOW JUST STAY OUT OF SIGHT OR YOU'LL SCARE ZELDA!


HI YA, ZELDA!
GET LOST, MELVIN!


EVERY TIME YOU'RE NEAR ME, SOMETHING GOES WRONG! YOU'RE A KLUTZ!
NO MORE! YOU'RE LOOKING AT A NEW MELVIN!


I'M GONNA SERENADE YOU WITH THIS GUITAR!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD SING!
TWANG!


WELL..YOU'RE IN FOR A REAL TREAT! A ONE AND A TWO AND A...

THREE BLIND MICE! THREE BLIND MICE, SEE HOW THEY RUN...
WHAT?
THEY ALL RAN AFTER THE FARMER'S WIFE! SHE CUTS OFF THEIR TAILS WITH A CARVING KNIFE!
HOW HORRIBLE!
SORRY, HEATHCLIFF! I GAVE YOU THE WRONG RECORD!
NOW ZELDA IS REALLY MAD AT ME! I'M A HOPELESS CASE!
WHY ARE YOU GOING THROUGH THE CLOSET, HEATHCLIFF?
OH BOY! A STRETCH LIMO...
... AND THE TOP OF A WEDDING CAKE! I GET THE IDEA!
C'MON, HEATHCLIFF! I'M REALLY GONNA SHOW ZELDA A NEW MELVIN MOUSE!
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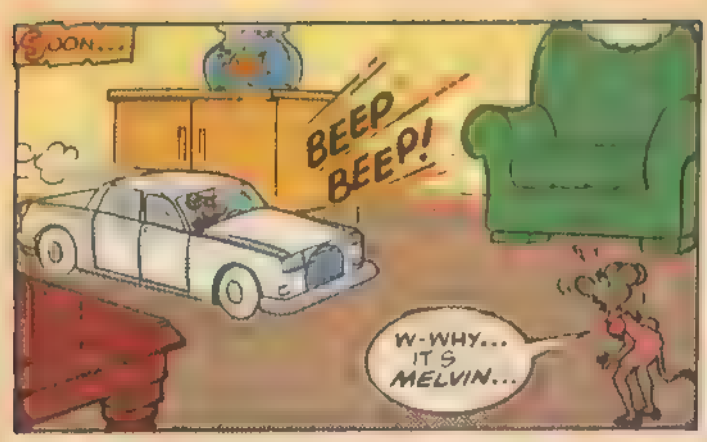
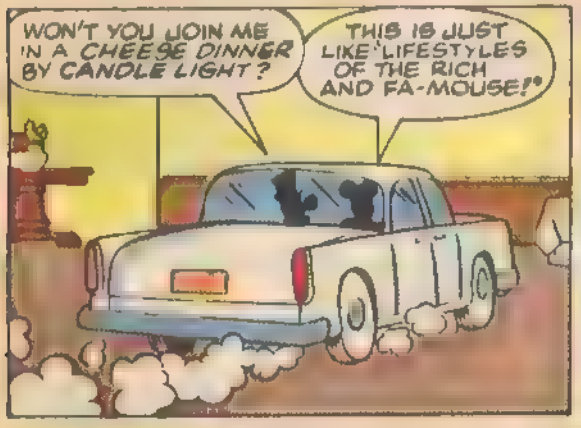
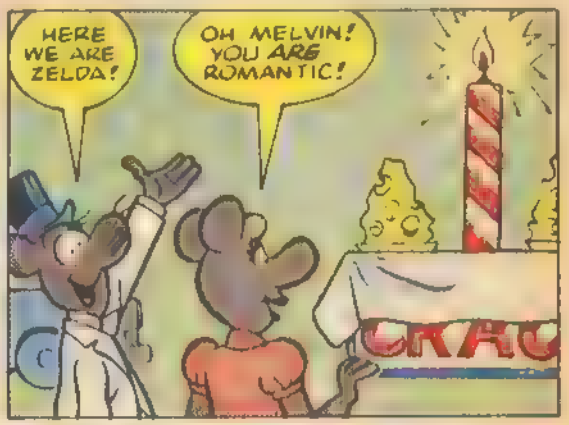
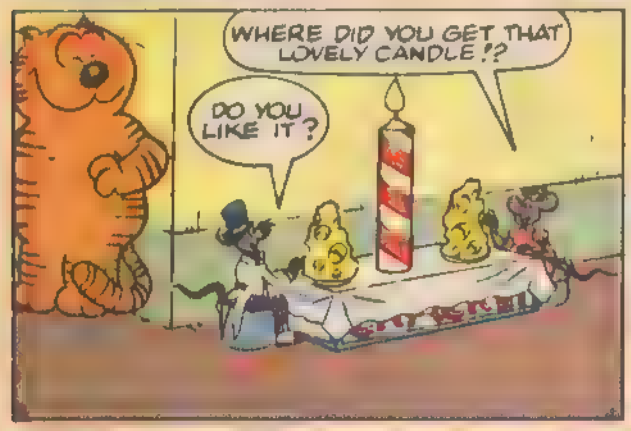
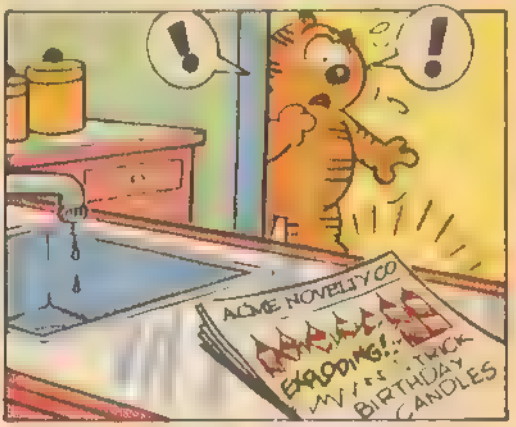

SOON...
BEEP BEEP!
W-WHY... IT'S MELVIN...

...IN TOP HAT, WHITE TIE AND TAILS!
GREETINGS, ZELDA!


WON'T YOU JOIN ME IN A CHEESE DINNER BY CANDLE LIGHT?
THIS IS JUST LIKE LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND FA-MOUSE!


HERE WE ARE ZELDA!
OH MELVIN! YOU ARE ROMANTIC!


WHERE DID YOU GET THAT LOVELY CANDLE!?
DO YOU LIKE IT?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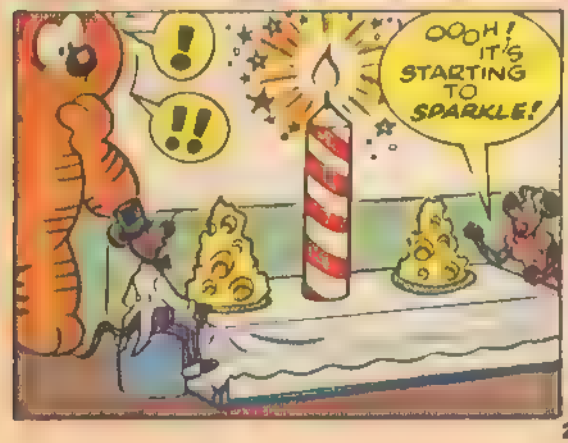
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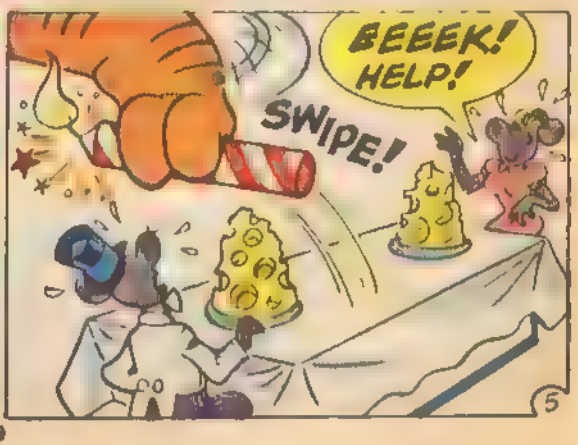
OOOH! IT'S STARTING TO SPARKLE!


BEEEK! HELP!
SWIPE!
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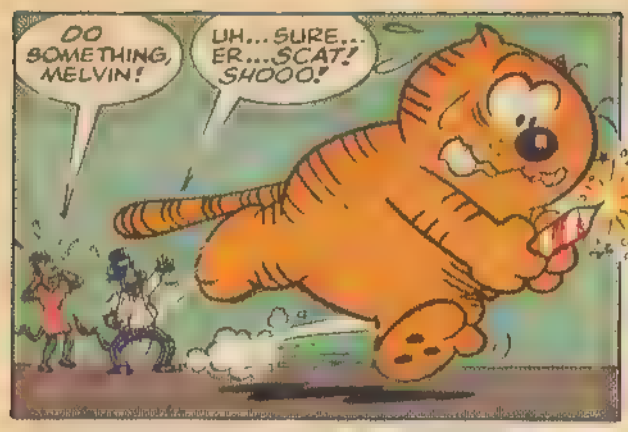
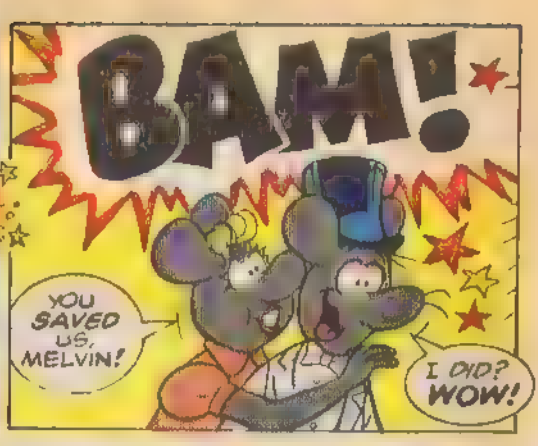
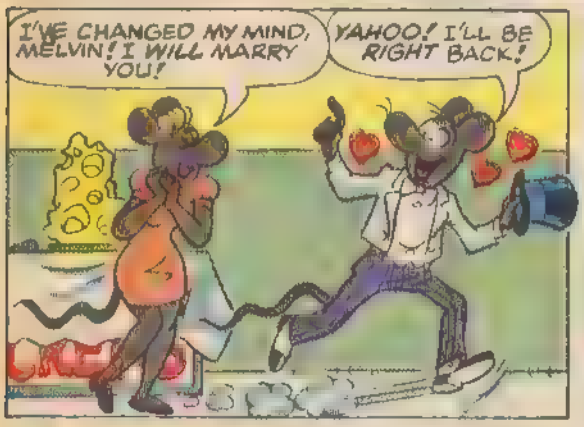
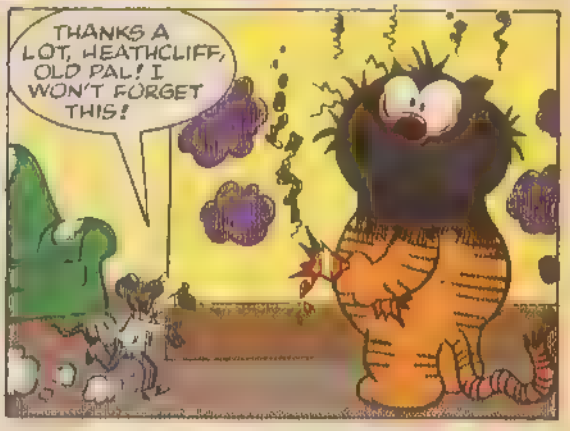
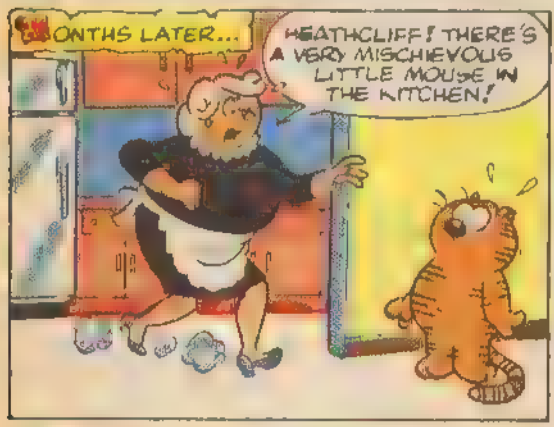

DO SOMETHING, MELVIN!
UH... SURE... ER... SCAT! SHOOO!

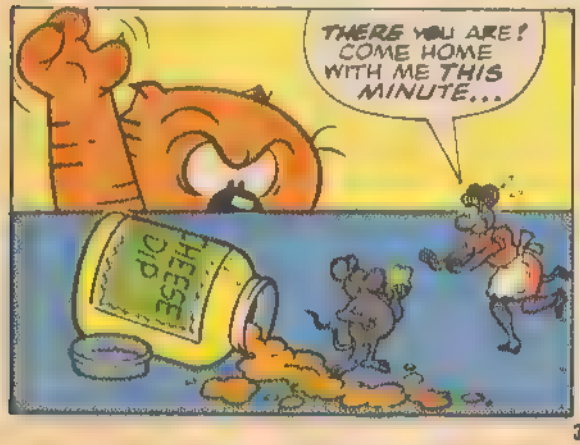

BAM!
YOU SAVED US, MELVIN!
I DID? WOW!

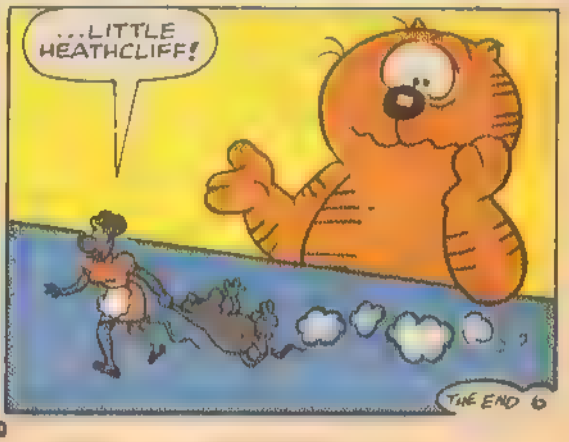

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND, MELVIN! I WILL MARRY YOU!
YAHOO! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!


THANKS A LOT, HEATHCLIFF, OLD PAL! I WON'T FORGET THIS!


ONTHS LATER...
HEATHCLIFF! THERE'S A VERY MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE MOUSE IN THE KITCHEN!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE SO BRAZEN!
DUMP!


THERE YOU ARE! COME HOME WITH ME THIS MINUTE...
CHEESE DIP


...LITTLE HEATHCLIFF!
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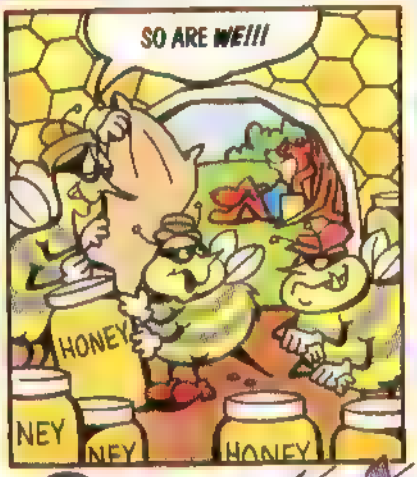
SO ARE WE!!!
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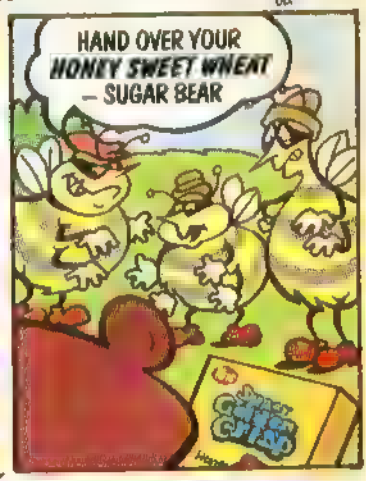
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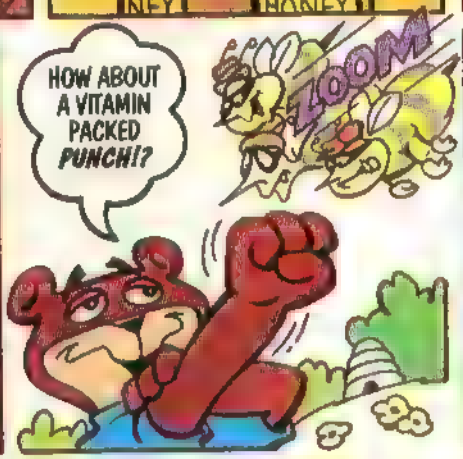
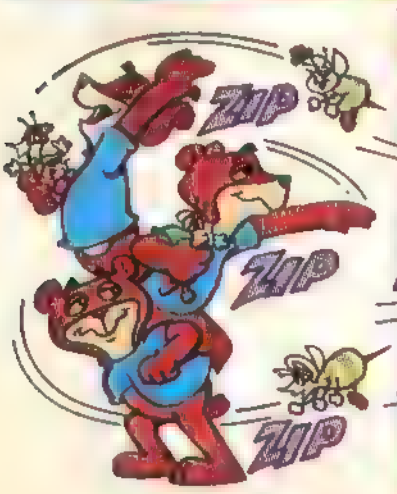
TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE?


HOW ABOUT A VITAMIN PACKED PUNCH!?
ZOOM

NOW BUZZ OFF!!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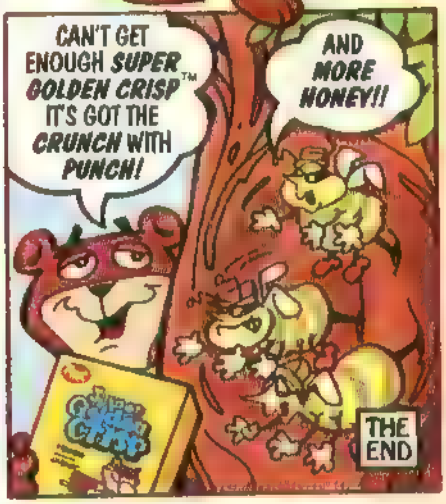
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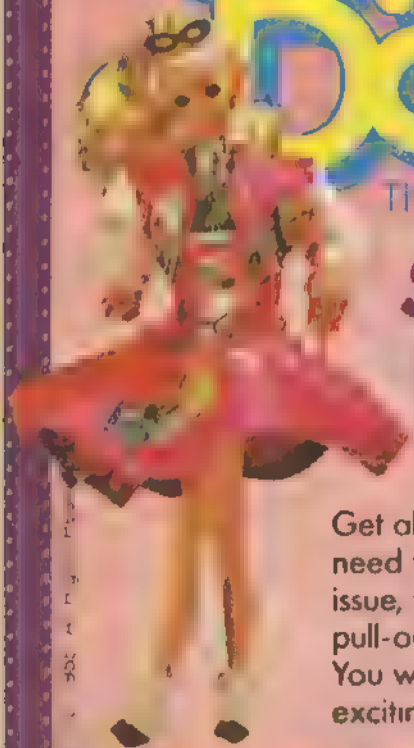

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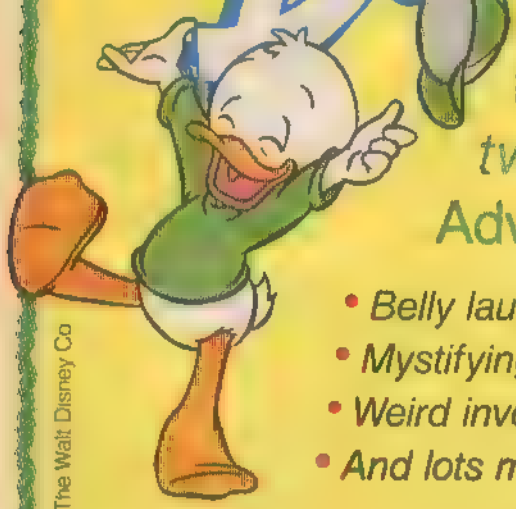

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MEET SUPER STAR RICK PARKER

Letterer on: A Multitude of Marvel Titles.
Marvel freelance credits (past): HULK, IRON MAN, MADBALLS, ALPHA FLIGHT, THE THING, SPIDER-MAN and HULK newspaper strips, EPIC ILLUSTRATED
Marvel freelance credits (present): SPIDER-MAN, G.I. JOE Ar
My hobbies are: Bird watching, butterfly collecting, driving steam locomotives at full throttle across trackless wastes
The single work of which I am most proud is: My five year stint in the Marvel Bullpen
My pet peeves are: Laziness, graffiti, litterbugs and lousy drivers
My place of birth is: Approximately five hundred miles south of Savannah, Georgia.
My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Securing the undying love and affection of my stunning wife Ama
My oddest habit is: Sleep jogging
If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: Will Wheaton and George Carlin.

The reason I got into comics was: Danny Crespi fought me to letter and Sid Jacobson gave me work
People who knew me in High School thought I was: A wise-cracking punk who drew lots of "funny pictures"
My favorite performers are: Ravi Shankar, Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Garrison Keillor.
The last good book I read was: "Anomalies and Curiosities of Modern Medicine."
The last good movie I saw was: "Stand By Me."
The biggest influences on my work include: Kilbar, Elder, Wilson, Wood, Adams, Kurtzman, Davis, Engels, Herriman, Berg, Woodbridge, Crumb, Shelton, Sallcrup, Steinberg and Schwartzberg. (Special thanks to Mom, Dad and Captain Kangaroo.)
My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To get Jack Abel to finish inking a page I drew for him over five years ago
The worst part of my job is: Getting rid of the bodies.
When nobody's looking I like to: Sneak into editors' offices and erase entire issues of John Byrne art
The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: "You see that guy over there... ? He used to letter PRINCE VALIANT!"

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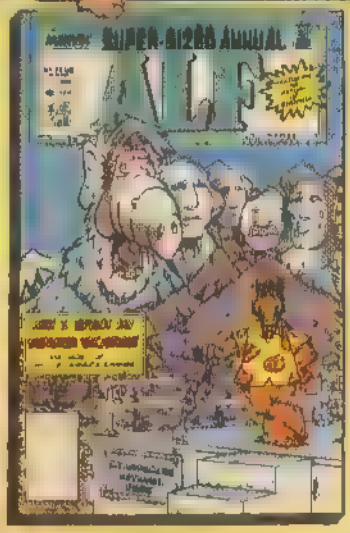

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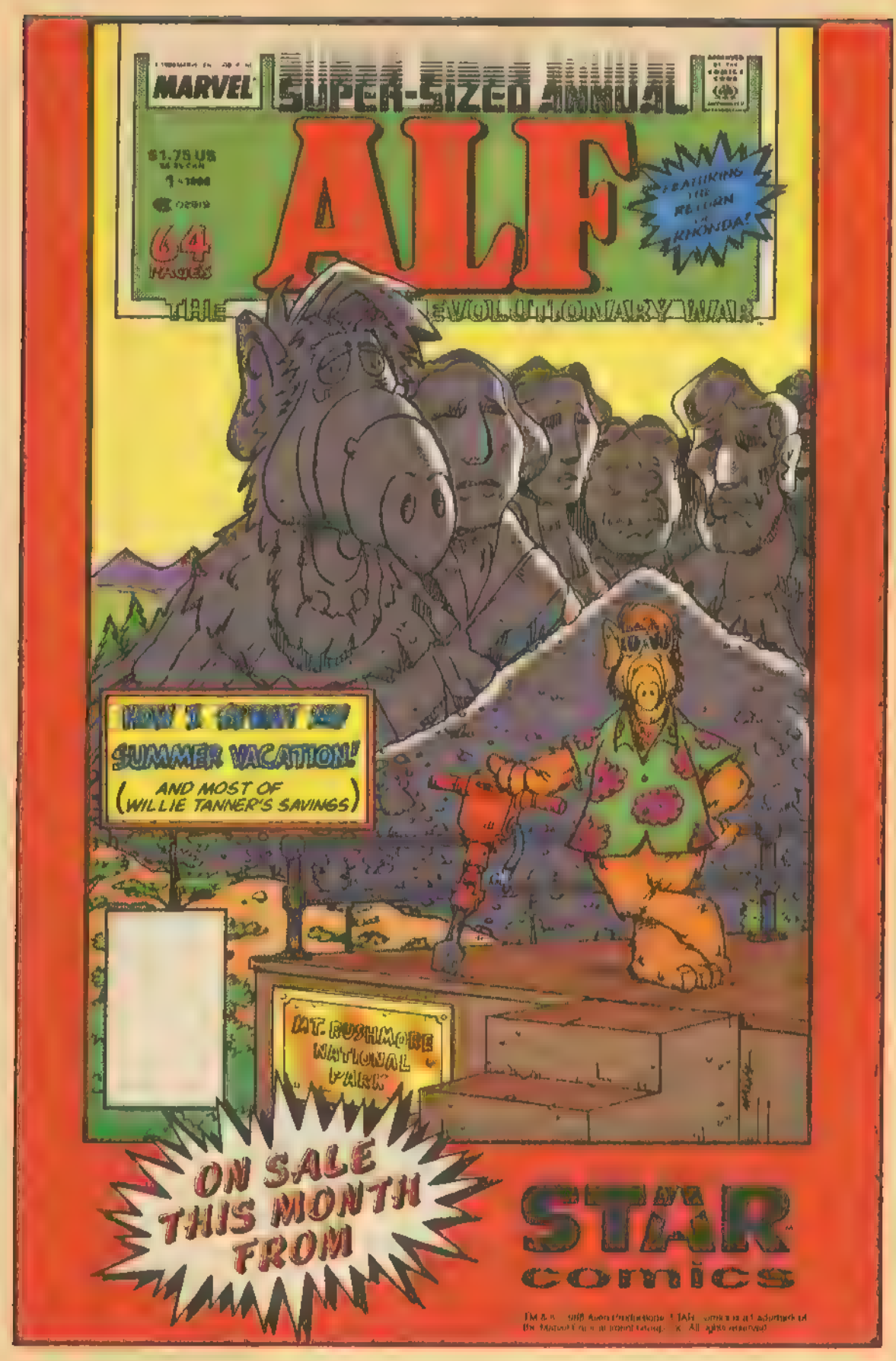
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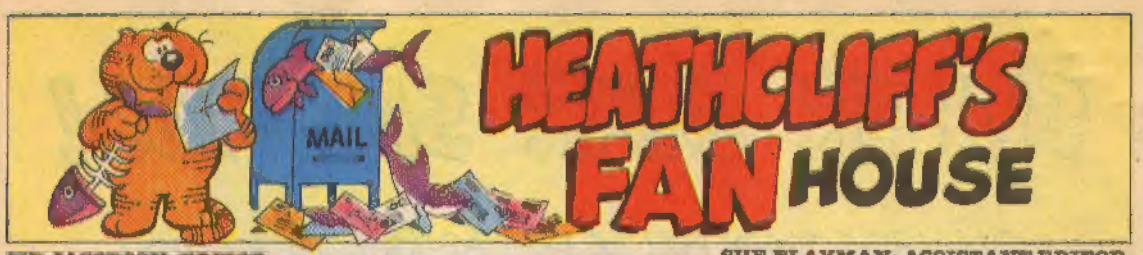

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Dear STAR,

I am 8 years old. I enjoy reading your comics. I will read lots more. I have six issues of HEATHCLIFF — it's my favorite comic! I will always read HEATHCLIFF comics!

Scott Meagher
Chicago, IL

What?! Only *six*??? Hoo-boy, Scott! Do you know how lucky you are?? Since we're up to issue #27 of HEATHCLIFF, and #18 on HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE, you have 31 issues worth of laughs still in store! Not to mention all the future adventures still to come . . .

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I am 8 years old and HEATHCLIFF is the only comic I collect. I own a cat myself. She eats my cereal and gets into a lot of trouble.

Oh, yeah — I want to know if Heathcliff can get into more fights.

Christopher Rohde
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

Oh, Christpher, Christepher! Getting Heathcliff *into* fights isn't the big problem — it's the getting *out* that has us stumped . . .

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

You are my favorite cat and I love you very much. You are my favorite comic book. I like you because you are a very fair and very brave cat.

Enzo Luci
Flushing, NY

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HEATHCLIFF!! GET AWAY FROM THAT TYPEWRITER!!!

Dear HEATHCLIFF and STAR,

Hello, Heathcliff! I am fourteen years old, and I still love reading comics about Heathcliff. I also love watching TV, especially when Heathcliff is around.

Heathcliff is a brave, fat, cute, and hilarious cat. That's why many people love him.

I have a couple of questions:

(1) What's the name of Heathcliff's mother and father? (2) Where is Heathcliff's mother?

Thanks for reading my letter and more power to your staff . . .

Ricardo Ang II
Tamuning, Guam

Thanks, Ricardo. Every little bit of power helps — especially when it comes to keeping one particularly cat-astrophic cat in line! (See previous letter, if you don't believe us.)

As for your questions: (1) "Mom" and "Pops" (2) We're not sure. Strange as it seems, so far she's been unwilling to take credit for her son's behavior . . . or should we say the BLAME??

Dear STAR Comics,

I have 30 comic books and six of them are Heathcliff, my favorite. I recently got a subscription to HEATHCLIFF. Please tell Heathcliff, "I'm your #1 fan and you're the coolest and funniest cat in town."

Brian Norton
Sioux City, IA

P.S. Heathcliff, try to be friends with everyone in town.

Ah, Brian! Everything was fine till you get to that last bit. There's a *limit* to what we can do for you . . . and making sure Heathcliff is friends with everyone in town simply goes against nature. (Heathcliff's nature, that is!) Sorry.

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I like your comics. I've read all your comics in order. All I need is Annual #2, 3, and 4. I like you the best out of all the comics I've read and probably will ever read.

Keep up the super work!

Ryan Baker
Columbus, OH

Lucky you, Ryan — that just happens to be what we're planning!

Unfortunately, though, you'll have a tough time finding these annuals; so far, only one has come out. But keep writing letters and keep buying HEATHCLIFF! If there's enough interest out there, perhaps we'll be forced to print them!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

How are you doing? I'm willing to see you for summer, but I have to go to camp.

Have you gotten into any fights lately with anybody? Maybe in one issue, Heathcliff could have a dream, go to a cat zoo, and let all the cats out and somehow, somebody has to put the cats in or let them damage the city.

Ben Autin
LaPlace, LA

Dream? Sounds like a nightmare!

Dear HEATHCLIFF, Mr. Gately, and Mr. Jacobson,

I am writing to you because I love you and your comics. I have 28 books of yours so far! Heathcliff is so cute. He looks like a chubby little orange fuzzball! But I love him. All my favorite comics are: Heathliff, Garfield, FLINTSTONE KIDS, POPPLES, SPIDER-HAM, Archie, Family Circus, and TOP DOG.

I'm 10 and I'm in the fourth grade. Wait — before you quit reading this letter, I've got a few questions. Do you know Bil Keane, John Goldwater, Peter Porker, and Jim Davis?

Love ya. Gotta go bye-bye!

Travis Sewell
Hakn, Germany

Nice letter, Travis. (Nice drawing, too!)

In fact, we have met at least one of your heroes — Peter Porker, that is — and he was mighty glad to hear your words of praise. But then, he is kind of a ham, anyway.

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I'm one of your biggest fans, and I like your comics best. I also like FLINTSTONE KIDS, MUPPET BABIES, EWOKS, CARE BEARS, ALF, THUNDERCATS, and MAD-BALLS. In HEATHCLIFF ANNUAL #1, I liked it when Marzipan the Jungle man tells M. Tarkus to stop hitting his fist with his face ("Bungle in the Jungle"). Could you send me Annual #2, FLINTSTONE KIDS #5, HEATHCLIFF #23, MUPPET BABIES #19, and HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE #7?

Here is a poem I wrote about you:

Heathcliff's brave, Heathcliff's strong,
Heathcliff fights dogs with a biff and a bong!
He's cool,
He's sometimes a fool,
He's smart and he's tough
And sometimes gets very rough!
His girlfriend Sonja thinks of men,
Then she thinks of him again!

Long live Heathcliff!

Phet Pohtirath
Australia

Hey, you're a poet, and you know it!

Sorry to say, though, we still can't send the comics you want. We don't keep them in our editorial offices. Instead, ask your local comics dealer, or write to one of the mail order companies that deals in back issues. You can find their advertisements in most Marvel comics. (And to guard against this problem in the future, you might try ordering subscriptions!)

Dear Heath,

Hi! I'm in fifth grade, and I'm 11 years old. How's everything? I love you.

I have four HEATHCLIFF comics, and I want more. Nothing will ever top HEATHCLIFF!

Joyce McPherson
Kensington, OH

You think we're going to argue with that kind of logic? No way!!

Feel free to write again, Joyce! And again, and again, and again, and . . .

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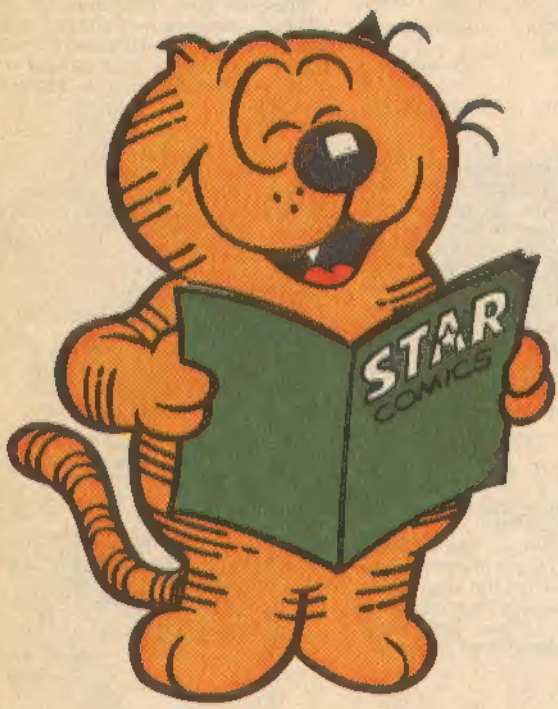

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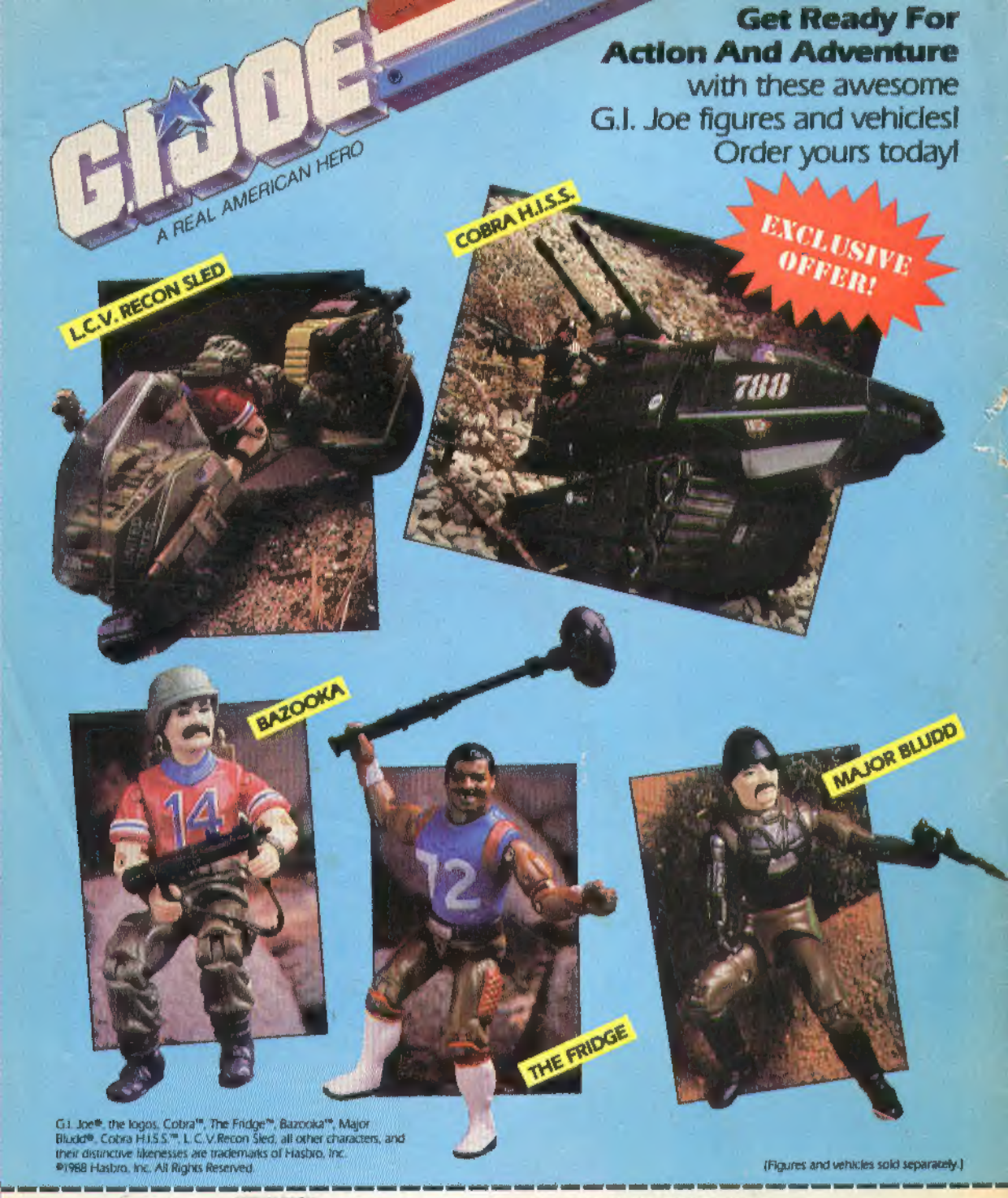

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